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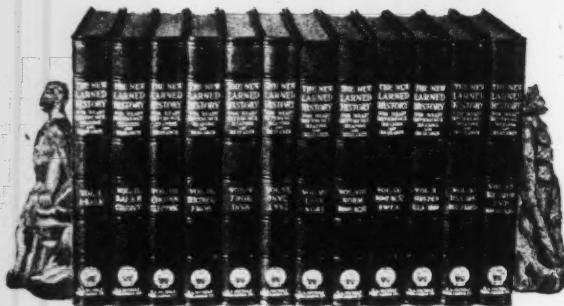


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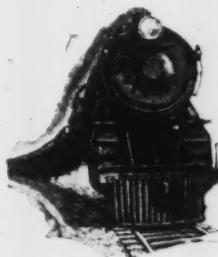
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Some Reference Books of 1925

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THIS article, which covers the sixteenth year in the present writer's series of annual surveys of recent reference books, does not aim to present a complete list of the new reference books of 1925, but rather to indicate, from the point of view of the general library, some of the more important, useful or interesting of the new publications. While most of the works referred to have been published during 1925, mention is made also of some books of earlier date, principally foreign publications which were not received in this country in time for mention in the earlier surveys. It has been necessary to omit some foreign reference books which probably should be recorded here because copies have not yet been received in the various libraries to which the writer has access.

The classification of titles follows, in the main, the grouping in the "New Guide to Reference Books" (Chicago: A.L.A. Publishing Board, 1923), to which this article is an informal annual supplement. As a supplement, however, it does not attempt to continue the record of every publication mentioned in the Guide, although many new volumes, especially in the case of large or outstanding works still in progress, are listed for the information of library school users of the Guide who wish to keep their record of such sets to date. As a general thing, no mention is made of new volumes of established reference annuals unless some irregularity of publication or change of name, form, or scope, seems to call for comment, and the record of new volumes of other reference sets which are still in progress is selective rather than complete.

PERIODICALS

In this field the important reference books of the year fall into two main classes—new volumes of established indexes, and union lists. Of the four new volumes of indexes the one most important, or at least in most frequent use, in the general library is the new three year cumulation of the *Readers' Guide* which covers the years 1922-24 and indexes about one hundred and twelve periodicals. This is approximately

the same number as that indexed in the last preceding cumulation, but with some change in titles, eleven new periodicals having been added to the list and about the same number discontinued. The third cumulation of the *Agricultural Index* covers this same period 1922-24 and indexes about one hundred and twenty-nine periodicals, bulletins and reports, besides recording, as in earlier volumes, important new books in its field and book reviews. The "Index to Dental Periodical Literature" shows a new volume in its permanent series which indexes by both subject and author the contents of sixty-seven dental periodicals for the ten years 1876-1885, thus partly bridging the gap between the volumes for 1911-20 which were published in 1921-22 and that for 1837-75 issued last year. As the lists of periodicals indexed in the four volumes differ considerably, with comparatively few titles carried over from one volume to another, the total number indexed for varying periods is nearly two hundred. Another special index which from some points of view is the most important new volume in this class is volume nineteen of the Royal Society's "Catalogue of Scientific Papers" which covers the letters T-Z in the fourth series (1881-1900), recording some 46,811 titles by 7992 authors. As this latest volume of the catalog is also the last it completes the great task of publishing an author index to the scientific journal literature of the nineteenth century, begun fifty-eight years ago when the Royal Society published its first volume in 1867. Actually of course the work dates back still further, since the task of compilation was begun in 1858, nine years before the first volume appeared. No figures for the extent of the whole work are available but the fourth series which covers seventeen years, only about one sixth of the century, records some 384,478 articles by 68,577 authors, including nearly three thousand anonymous articles. A great task has been accomplished greatly.

An interesting feature this year is the unusual number of union lists of periodicals on a large scale or with more than a local interest. The most comprehensive of these and the most im-

portant for libraries in North America, is the "Union List of Serials in Libraries of the United States and Canada" which has now been issued thru the letter M in the checking edition and thru I in the provisional edition, this latter edition recording the holdings in some two hundred public, college and special libraries, with exact indication of incomplete files. In spite of the fact that less than half of the alphabet has been completed this list is already proving exceedingly useful and is growing considerably beyond the original estimate of perhaps forty thousand titles in the final list. The section A-I already includes thirty-six thousand entries and the estimate for the complete list is now placed at seventy-five thousand. The French union list of scientific periodicals "Inventaire des Périodiques Scientifiques des Bibliothèques de Paris" has advanced as far as the letter M with a record of about ten thousand titles, exclusive of cross references, for the first half of the alphabet. Like the American list it indicates exact holdings, but it is more limited in scope as it excludes general, literary and non-scientific periodicals. Like all union lists its greatest service is to libraries within the region covered and its principal use in American libraries will be for cataloging information about titles listed and for the location of an occasional set of some rare periodical which may prove not to be in any American library. The third union list to be recorded is on a plan which differs radically from that of the American and French lists. This is the British "World List of Scientific Periodicals Published in the Years 1900-1921" which lists some 24,128 periodicals including only scientific journals and excluding titles in that class which had ceased publication by 1900. This list is a brief title list only, not a catalog; entry is under title even in the case of society transactions, with no information as to the dates or volumes that constitute a set, and the only information in addition to the brief title that is given is the place of publication and a key number. The complete work is to consist of two parts: (1) the alphabetical list which gives no record of holdings, and (2) a numerical list recording library holdings arranged under the key numbers given in the first part. As the second part is not issued the "World List" can not yet be used to ascertain holdings.

Two new lists of periodicals call for comment. The 1925 issue of the Italian "Annuario della Stampa" is the first revision of that work since 1921. It contains the usual regional lists of newspapers and classed list of periodicals, biographical list of journalists, press association, etc. For Swiss periodicals the second edition of the "Catalogue des Périodiques Suisses

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Annuario della stampa, 1924-1925. Roma: Federazione Nazionale della Stampa Ital. 824 p. L. 30.

Agricultural Index, 3d, three year cumulation (9th annual volume) 1922-1924; subject index to a selected list of agricultural periodicals, books and bulletins, edited by Florence A. Arnold and Hazel L. Lewis. New York: Wilson, 1925. 1100 p. Service basis.

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Index of the dental periodical literature published in the English language, including 53 publications in England, Canada and the United States for the ten years, 1876-1885 comp. by Arthur D. Black. Buffalo: Dental Index Bureau, 1925. 552 p. \$6.

Readers' guide to periodical literature . . . v. 6, 1922-24, ed. by Alice M. Dougan and Bertha Joel. New York: Wilson, 1925. 1906 p. Service basis.

Royal Society of London. Catalogue of scientific papers. 4th series, 1884-1900, v. 19. T.Z. Cambridge: University Press, 1925. 877 p. 168 s.

Union list of serials in the libraries of the United States and Canada. Winifred Gregory, editor; advisory committee: H. M. Lydenberg, C. W. Andrews, Willard Austen, A. E. Bostwick, J. T. Gerould. Provisional edition, A-I. New York: Wilson, 1925. p. 1-1032. Subscription, apply to publisher.

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ENCYCLOPEDIAS

The "New International Encyclopaedia" has been re-issued in a cheaper edition of thirteen volumes made up of the original twenty-three volumes and the two supplementary volumes of 1924 rebound in double volumes. There is no change in the text but the thirteen volume set is now sold for \$105 instead of \$156, the present price of the large edition. While this rebound edition lowers the price considerably, libraries looking for an even less expensive set of this encyclopaedia would do well to take into account the possibility of a second-hand copy of the original edition, as such sets in good condition are occasionally available at prices still more reduced. The "Encyclopedia Americana" has been re-issued in a revised reprint which is said to contain considerable new material but as the present writer has not yet been able to see a copy of the reprint no comment upon the extent or quality of the revision is possible. The "Book of Rural Life," described more in detail in the section Science and Technology, is a useful new work, almost comprehensive enough to be classed as a general encyclopaedia. A new addition to the class of one-

volume encyclopedias is the "Lincoln Library of Essential Information," an encyclopedic handbook with its material grouped in twelve large classes, each containing both treatise and dictionary material, and the whole linked together by means of a general index. Its compact concise articles and tables cover a wide field, and tho planned especially for home study and self improvement the book should be useful also in library reference work where concise information is wanted.

Among foreign encyclopedias the event of most importance during the year has been the appearance of the first volumes of the new edition of "Meyer's Lexikon." Both Meyer and Brockhaus—the latter especially—were in need of revision by the outbreak of the War. Revisions of the smaller Brockhaus (four volumes) and of the Meyers "Handlexikon" (one volume) were issued shortly after the War; but no revision of the large edition of either of these works was available until this year when "Meyers Lexikon" constituting the seventh edition of "Meyers Grosses Konversations-lexikon", began to appear. This new edition, which is to be completed in twelve volumes is revised throughout, and, as compared with the sixth edition (twenty volumes, exclusive of supplement), rather drastically abridged. Older articles have been rewritten and brought to date, new articles added, new plates and maps made and recent references added to the bibliographies. While most of the articles have been considerably compressed, there are a few, principally scientific articles, which are longer than in the last edition. Compression of articles has been accomplished by rigid economy of words, some use of abbreviations, shortening of bibliographical references, reduction in size of text illustrations and of maps, and the omission of some articles, especially biographies.

The other foreign encyclopedias which are in process of publication all show some progress. The Spanish "Encyclopedia Universal" which last year began to bridge the gap (Esp-K) left during the War, has continued the bridging operation by the issue of volumes 25-28 (pt. 1) which cover the letters Gic-Ins. The Norwegian work "Aschehougs Konversations Leksikon" has been completed by the issue of volume 9. "Salmonsens Konversations Leksikon" has reached the word *Perloerne* in volume 18, while volume 36 of the second edition of the "Nordisk Familjebok" carries the supplement of that work to the letter K. A third edition of this work, revised and somewhat abridged, is in progress, and four volumes are already out. "Oosthoek's Encyclopaedie" the main part of which was completed in 1923 has been continued by the issue of one supplementary volume.

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Salmonsens konversations leksikon. 2d. udgave redigeret av Chr. Blangstrup. v. 17-18; Mielck-Perloerne. Kjøbenhavn: Schultz, 1925. illus., plates, maps.

DICTIONARIES

The "Oxford Dictionary" is hovering on the edge of completion, but has not yet reached the end of its long course. An interesting development of the work is the announcement that after the completion of the great dictionary the publishers intend to issue a smaller Oxford Dictionary intermediate in size between the large Murray and the "Concise Oxford Dictionary." It is in active preparation. It is to be hoped that the completion of the large dictionary will include also a supplement to cover changes, omissions, *errata*, etc. which have come to light during the nearly forty years of publication. In the matter of *errata*, note should be made of the fact that the Institute of Historical Research, London, is accumulating *errata* and *addenda* notes about this dictionary and is printing them from time to time in its *Bulletin*, beginning with the number for February 1924 (v. 1, no. 3). Reference librarians who make a practice of recording *errata* notes in important sets will wish to follow these lists.

Two important foreign language dictionaries appear in revised editions. The second edition of Hoare's "Italian Dictionary" is enlarged by more than one hundred pages over the first edi-

tion of ten years ago. The principal changes are in the English-Italian part which has been rewritten and much enlarged, but there are some changes in the Italian-English part also to incorporate words omitted in the first edition, particularly an important collection of Italian war terms.

Liddell and Scott's "Greek-English Lexicon" has been revised by Dr. Henry Stuart Jones, Camden professor of ancient history at Oxford, and the first section of this revision, covering part of the letter A, has already appeared. As the lexicon had not been revised since the eighth edition of 1882, extensive revision to include the results of study and research of the last forty years was necessary. Many additions and changes are included, particularly in technical and scientific terms.

Several foreign dictionaries of technical terms should be noted. The Schlomann series of illustrated technical dictionaries in six languages has been continued by volume 15 which covers terms in spinning processes and products and forms the second volume of the extensive dictionary of textile terms which the publisher has projected. Because the principal seat of the spinning industry in Spain is in Catalonia the Catalan terms have been included as well as the Spanish, so this particular volume of the series may almost be described as a dictionary in seven rather than six languages. For French engineering terms there is a new work by J. O. Kettridge, "French-English and English-French Dictionary of Technical Terms . . . in Civil Mechanical, Electrical and Mining Engineering."

A new edition of that old standby, Roget's "Thesaurus" has been revised to include new words and meanings of the past fifteen years and the new material is incorporated in the main text which is reset thruout. The 1925 edition of March's "Thesaurus Dictionary" is a reprint of the 1911 edition as far as the main part is concerned, but there is new material and new lists in the supplement. A new dictionary of colloquial English is Fraser's "Soldier and Sailor Words," which not only defines words but adds also a good deal of "popular handbook" information in the way of nicknames, etc. A new Gaelic dictionary which should be noted is "A Pronouncing and Etymological Dictionary of the Gaelic Language" by Malcolm MacLennan.

Fraser, Edward. Soldier and sailor words and phrases; including slang of the trenches and the air force; British and American war-words and service terms and expressions in everyday use; nicknames, sobriquets, and titles of regiments, with their origins, the battle-honours of the great war awarded to the British army; compiled by Edward Fraser . . . and John Gibbons. . . . London: Routledge, 1925. 372 p. 12s. 6d.

Hoare, Alfred. An Italian dictionary. 2d ed. Cambridge: University Press, 1925. 906 p. 42s.; \$14.

Kettridge, J. O. French-English and English-French dictionary of technical terms and phrases in civil, mechanical, electrical and mining engineering and allied sciences and industries . . . London: Routledge, 1925. 1137 p. 50s. New York: Wilson. \$14.

Liddell, Henry George, and Robert Scott. Greek-English lexicon . . . A new ed. rev. and augm. thruout by Henry Stuart Jones . . . with the assistance of Roderick McKenzie . . . and with the co-operation of many scholars . . . Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1925. pt. 1, p. 1-192. 84s. per set.

MacLennan, Malcolm. Pronouncing and etymological dictionary of the Gaelic language: Gaelic-English, English-Gaelic. Edinburgh: John Gray, 1925. 613 p. 30s.

March, Francis Andrew. March's thesaurus dictionary; a treasure house of words and knowledge . . . to this 1925 ed. has been added an amplified appendix. . . . Philadelphia, Historical Pub. Co., 1925. 1189 p. 251 p. front. (port.) illus. plates. \$9.

Roget, Peter Mark. Thesaurus of English words and phrases . . . enlarged by John Lewis Roget. New ed. revised and enlarged (1925) by Samuel Romilly Roget. London and New York: Longmans, 1925. 691 p. 7s. 6d. \$2.50.

Schlomann, Alfred. The Schlomann-Oldenbourg series of technical dictionaries in six languages: English, German, French, Russian, Italian, Spanish: volume 15, Spinning processes and products. Munich: Oldenbourg; New York: G. E. Stechert, 1925. 951 p. \$8.

RELIGION

The "World Missionary Atlas," edited for the Institute of Social and Religious Research by Harlan P. Beach and Charles H. Fahs, is a new edition, revised and considerably enlarged, of the "World Atlas of Christian Missions," 1911, and of its sectional revision "World Statistics of Christian Missions," 1916. The disturbance and changes in mission conditions brought about by the World War have made such a new edition necessary, and its time basis of revision has been the conditions of 1922 as shown in the reports of missionary societies for 1923. The list of missionary societies, statistical tables and maps, familiar in the 1911 edition, have been revised, and a new section, "General Descriptive Notes," has been added which gives concise information about the area, climate, population, social, religious and economic condition, etc., of each of the mission lands.

A new denominational encyclopedia which should be useful in theological and large reference libraries and also in somewhat smaller libraries in localities when the denomination is of special interest is the "Mennonitisches Lexikon" by Christian Hege and Christian Neff, of which volume 1, the dated 1913, has just been published. This contains doctrinal, historical and topographical articles and a large amount of biography. For Scottish ecclesiastical history and biography there is a new volume of the new edition of Hew Scott's "Fasti Ecclesiae Scoticanae" which covers the synods of Fife and

of Angus and Mearns, and contains many biographies.

Another section has been added to the slowly growing set of the "Mythology of All Races" by the publication of volume 7 which treats of Armenian and African mythology. Roscher's "Ausführliches Lexikon der Griechischen und Römischen Mythologie" is perceptibly nearer the end of the alphabet as the four double fascicles issued during the year cover U-V and part of W. The "Encyclopaedia of Islam" which has been almost at a standstill since the War has begun to appear more rapidly again. Parts 29-30 carry the alphabet well into the letter K and a second series of fascicles starting with the letter S is coming out at the same time.

Encyclopaedia of Islam, a dictionary of the geography, ethnology, and biography of the Mohammedan peoples, fasc. 29-80. Al-Kamar—Kawn, fasc. A—B. Sa—Samaritans. Leyden: Brill; London: Luzac, 1925. 5s. per fasc.

Hege, Christian and Christian Neff. Mennonitisches Lexikon v. 1, A-Friedrich. Frankfort am Main: 1913. [c. 1924] v. 1, 717 p. M.30.

Institute of Social and Religious Research. World Missionary atlas, containing a directory of missionary societies, classified summaries of statistics, maps showing the location of mission stations throughout the world, a descriptive account of the principal mission lands, and comprehensive indices. Edited by Harlan P. Beach . . . Charles H. Fahs . . . Maps by John Bartholomew . . . New York: Institute of Social and Religious Research, 1925. 251 p. 29 col. maps, tables. \$10.

Mythology of all races, v. 7. Armenian, by Marderos H. Ananian; African, by Alice Werner. Boston: Archaeological Institute of America (Marshall Jones), 1925. 448 p. \$8.

Roscher, W. H. Ausführliches Lexikon der griechischen und römischen Mythologie. 92.97. Ifgn. U-Weltalter. Leipzig: Teubner, 1925.

Scott, Hew. Fasti ecclesiae scoticanae; the succession of ministers in the church of Scotland from the reformation. New ed. rev. and cont. v. 5. Synods of Fife and of Angus and Mearns. Edinburgh: Oliver and Boyd, 1923. 536 p. 25s.

SOCIOLOGY

The two standard dictionaries of political science of which new editions are appearing have both added new volumes during the year. Volume 1 of "Palgrave's Dictionary of Political Economy" covering the letters A-E shows about the same proportion of revision and new material as was noticed in volume 2, published a year earlier. The new (fourth) edition of the "Handwörterbuch der Staatswissenschaften," which is appearing in parts, has completed volume 6, which covers Kriminal statistik-Reklam, and, with volume 1, 2 and 5 previously published, completes the sections A-Börsenwesen, and H-Reklamesteuer. The new German encyclopedia of international law "Wörterbuch des Völkerrechts und der Diplomatie" which was begun to appear in parts in 1923, has now completed volumes 1-2 covering the section A-Utochiali.

Among the law books of the year which are of interest in the general library as well as the law library, should be noted the new fourth edition of Cooley's "Brief Making and the Use of Law Books," which the planned particularly for the law student is useful also to the user of law books in a public library; and an entirely new book, "Chief Sources of English Legal History" by Percy H. Winfield. This latter is an important tho not exhaustive bibliographical manual which should be useful to the general as well as the legal historian. "Corpus Juris" (the new edition of the Cyclopedias of Law and Procedure) is advancing steadily at the rate of about three volumes a year, and volume 38, the latest published, now carries the alphabet to the heading "Master and Servant." For the large public library which has enough demand for English law to warrant the purchase of so expensive a set the new edition of "Mews' Digest of English Case Law" is important. When complete this new edition will replace the earlier edition of 1896, the two supplements and the annuals to 1924.

An important reference handbook for many questions connected with labor is the new edition of "Labor Laws of the United States" issued as Bulletin 370 of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This is the first revision since the compilation of 1914 and in general supersedes that edition and its annual supplements, 1914-1922. This edition shows greater condensation than the 1914 edition as the increasing bulk of legislation has made it necessary to summarize more laws or represent more by citation only. The two labor yearbooks, the irregularly published British "Labour Yearbook" and the biennial "American Labor Yearbook" are now established as regular annuals to appear each year.

Commercial year-book of the Soviet Union, 1925, comp. and ed. by Louis Segal and A. A. Santalov. New York: Huebsch; London: Allen and Unwin, 1925. 422 p. \$2.50; 6s.

Corpus juris, being a complete and systematic statement of the whole body of the law as embodied in and developed by all reported decisions, ed. by William Mack. . . . v. 37-38, Libel—Master. New York: Law Book Co., 1925. \$8 per vol.

Cooley, Roger W. Brief making and the use of law books. 4th ed. St. Paul: West Pub. Co. 1924. 2 v. \$5.

Handwörterbuch der Staatswissenschaften, hrsg. von Ludwig Elster, Adolf Weber, Fr. Wieser. 6 bd. Jena: Fischer, 1925. 1244 p. M. 36.

Mews, John. Mews' Digest of English case law containing the reported decisions of the Superior courts and a selection from those of the Scottish and Irish courts to the end of 1924. 2d ed. under the general editorship of Sir Alexander Wood Renton . . . and Sydney Edward Williams. London: Sweet and Maxwell, 1925. v. 1-7, A—Ecclesiastical. 35s. per vol.

Palgrave, Sir Harry Inglis. Palgrave's dictionary of political economy, ed. by Henry Higgs. v. 1, A—E. London and New York: Macmillan, 1925. 921 p. 36s. \$10.

U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. *Labor laws of the United States with decisions of courts relating thereto*. Washington: Govt. Prtg. Off., 1925. 1240 p. (Bulletin 370). \$1.60.

Winfield, Percy H. *Chief sources of English legal history*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard Univ. Press, 1925. 374 p. \$4.

Wörterbuch des völkerrechts und der Diplomatie. Begonnen von Prof. Dr. Julius Hatschek, fortgesetzt von Univ. Doz. Dr. Karl Strupp. Berlin: De Gruyter, 1924-25. v. 1-2.

BUSINESS AND COMMERCE

An important new reference tool in this field is the excellent new "Chambers of Commerce Atlas" by George Philip and T. S. Sheldrake. This has good economic maps and in addition much descriptive matter giving up-to-date information about resources, commodities, transport, etc. There are both English and American editions, but a radical difference in title between these two editions makes possible some confusion as to their identity. The American edition, which is handled by Putnam, has the title "Putnam's Economic Atlas," but the changed title page and slight change in the preface seem to be the only places where it differs from the original English edition. The English edition is considerably cheaper. Another recent publication in the field of commercial geography is the revised edition of J. Russell Smith's "Industrial and Commercial Geography" considerably enlarged from the edition of 1913.

The German encyclopedia of insurance, the "Versicherungs-lexikon" by Manes has appeared in a new edition which supersedes the edition of 1909 and the supplement of 1912. A minor change in the "Insurance Year Book" to be noted is the fact that that work now appears in three parts instead of two. The third part has been formed by separating the Life and Casualty Sections. Other reference books on various branches of finance are the new edition of the "Accountants Directory and Who's Who," much enlarged from the first edition of 1920, which contains both a geographical directory of accountants and an alphabetical biographical list; Munn's "Encyclopaedia of Banking and Finance" which is a dictionary of terms and the "Financial Handbook" by Robert J. Montgomery. This last is a mine of compact and accurate information about all aspects of finance and financial practice, particularly questions connected with the financial management of a business either large or small. The "Tariff Dictionary," issued by the United States Tariff Commission, furnishes detailed and authoritative information on questions of tariff—history (including articles on men prominently connected with tariff history), systems, organization—with articles on all commodities mentioned in the Tariff act of 1922 and statistics of their import, duty collected, rate, etc.

Accountants directory and who's who, 1925, ed. by Rita Perme Merritt. New York: Prentice-Hall, 1925. 885 p. \$10.

Manes, Alfred. *Versicherungslexikon*. 2. völlig neu bearb. Aufl. Berlin: Mittler, 1924. 1526 p. M.50.

Montgomery, Robert H. *Financial handbook*. New York: Ronald Press, [c. 1925] 1749 p. \$6.75.

Munn, Glenn G. *Encyclopedia of banking and finance*; a reference book comprising over 3,000 terms relating to money; credit; banking practice, history, law, accounting and organization; foreign exchange; trusts; investments; speculation; markets; and brokerage. New York: Bankers Pub. Co., 1924. 586p. illus. \$10.

Philip, George, and T. Swinburne Sheldrake. *Chambers of commerce atlas*, issued under the auspices of the Association of British Chambers of Commerce. A systematic survey of the world's trade, economic resources and communications, specially prepared for the Times trade and engineering supplement. London: Philip, 1925. maps. 32s. 6d.

American edition, New York: Putnam, \$19.75, has title "Putnam's economic atlas."

Smith, J. Russell. *Industrial and commercial geography*. New ed. New York: Holt, 1925. 959 p. \$4.50.

U. S. Tariff Commission. *Dictionary of tariff information*. Washington: Government Print. Off., 1924. 1036 p. \$2.25.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

The completion of the Royal Society's "Catalogue of Scientific Papers" has already been noted in a preceding section. Another bibliography of the sciences is the second edition of the British Science Guild's "Catalogue of British Scientific and Technical Books," which provides a subject bibliography of books which, in the main, were in print at the end of 1924. This new edition lists nearly half again as many titles as the first edition of 1921, and differs from that edition in other respects also, for example, the inclusion of many publications of the Stationery Office, extension of the sections of biology, metallurgy, textiles, etc., and reclassification of some others. The "Bibliography of Aeronautics" has been continued from the 1909-16 supplement by two more supplements covering respectively 1917-19 and 1920-21. In addition to recording book and pamphlet literature, each of these indexes the articles in about thirty-five periodicals. A new scientific bibliography of bibliography is the "Bibliography of Bibliographies on Chemistry and Chemical Technology" compiled by C. J. West and D. D. Berolzheimer.

Parry's "Cyclopædia of Perfumery" and the "Colour Index" issued by the Society of Dyers and Colourists are new reference books in special fields, each of which, in addition to its direct information, gives bibliographical references to the literature of the subject. New editions of two of the American Railway Association's dictionaries are the eleventh edition of the "Car Builders Cyclopedias," and the 7th edition of the "Locomotive Cyclopedias." In the

field of medicine there is a new "Medical Who's Who" described below under the heading Biography and a new edition—the regular biennial revision—of Dorland's "American Illustrated Medical Dictionary."

An excellent new encyclopedia of agriculture, horticulture and related subjects and interests is the "Book of Rural Life" which may be described either as a general encyclopedia which specializes in subjects connected with country life, or as an encyclopedia of country life and agriculture which includes also enough short articles on general subjects to make it serve as a general encyclopedia for the country home. However it is described, it is a useful and well made encyclopedia of subjects connected with country life, agriculture, gardening, home economics, botany, etc. The articles, which are signed, are based in many cases on the work and publications of the Department of Agriculture and the various experiment stations, and there are many good illustrations. A new edition of a standard small dictionary is the "Dictionary of the Flowering Plants and Ferns" by J. C. Willis, which is a fifth edition of the dictionary part of his "Manual and Dictionary of the Flowering Plants and Ferns."

American Railway Association. Mechanical division. Car builders' cyclopedia of American practice. . . . 11th ed. 1925. New York and Chicago: Simmons-Boardman Pub. Co. [c. 1925]. 1163 p. illus. \$8.

— Locomotive cyclopedia of American practice. . . . 7th ed. 1925. New York: Simmons-Boardman, 1925. 1131 p. \$8.

Bibliography of aeronautics 1917-19, 1920-21. Washington: Govt. Prtg. Off., 1923-25. 2 v. 35c.; 25c.

Book of rural life; knowledge and inspiration, a guide to the best in modern living. . . . Chicago: Bellows-Durham Co. [c. 1925]. plates (part col.) maps, diagrs. \$7.9.

British Science Guild. Catalog of British scientific and technical books, covering every branch of science and technology carefully classified and indexed. New ed. entirely revised and enlarged. London: British Science Guild, 1925. 489 p. 12s. 6d.

Dorland, William Alexander Newman. American illustrated medical dictionary. . . . 13th ed. rev. and enl. Philadelphia and London: Saunders, 1925. 1344 p. illus. plates. \$7.50.

Parry, Ernest J. Parry's cyclopaedia of perfumery: a handbook on the raw materials used by the perfumer, their origin, properties, characters and analysis. London: Churchill, 1925. 2 v. 36s.

Society of Dyers and Colourists. Colour index. ed. by F. M. Rowe. Bradford, Yorkshire: The Society, 1924. 371 p. 115s.

West, Clarence J. and Berolzheimer, D. D. Bibliography of bibliographies on chemistry and chemical technology, 1900-1924. Washington: National Research Council, 1925. 308 p. (*Bulletin*. v. 9 pt. 3) \$2.50.

Willis, John Christopher. Dictionary of the flowering plants and ferns. 5th ed., rev. Cambridge: University Press, 1925. 727 p. illus. (Cambridge biological ser.) 20s.

FINE ARTS

An unusual number of small dictionaries of music appeared during 1924-25. De Bekker's

"Music and Musicians," published in England in 1924 and in America in 1925, is a revision and enlargement of his earlier "Stokes Encyclopedia of Music and Musicians," with older articles brought to date and some inclusion of new articles. The English edition has the title "Black's Dictionary of Music." Another recent one volume work, the "Dictionary of Modern Music and Musicians," deals with recent musical history, developments, names, etc., since 1830, and is especially full for modern musical biography. Bachman's "Encyclopedia of the Violin" is an encyclopedic treatise not an alphabetical encyclopedia, which includes, however, several dictionary lists—e.g., lists of terms, biographical list of violin makers, etc.

In spite of the death of one of its editors, which might very naturally have delayed the work, the second volume of the important new "Dictionary of English Furniture" by Percy Macquoid and Ralph Edwards has followed the first volume very promptly, carrying the alphabet to the letter M, and showing the same wealth of illustration and high quality of text as the first volume. A much smaller work on the same subject is the "Glossary of English Furniture of the Historic Periods," by J. Penderel Brodhurst and E. J. Layton, which is a dictionary of terms with some inclusion of brief articles on well known cabinet makers. Some French names and terms are also given.

Bachmann, Alberto. An encyclopedia of the violin, with an introduction by Eugène Ysaye. Translated by Frederick H. Martens, edit. by Albert E. Wier. New York: Appleton, 1925. 470 p. \$5.

DeBekker, L. J. De Bekker's music and musicians, an encyclopedic dictionary of terms and biographies with stories of the operas, rev. to 1924-25. London: A. & C. Black; New York: Nicholas L. Brown, 1925. 757 p. 21s. \$6.

Dictionary of modern music and musicians. General editor, A. Eaglefield Hull. London: Dent; New York: Dutton, 1924. 544 p. 35s.; \$12.

Dunstan, Ralph. Cyclopaedic dictionary of music. 4th ed. enl. London: Routledge, 1925. 25s.

Macquoid, Percy, and Edwards, Ralph. Dictionary of English furniture, from the Middle Ages to the late Georgian period. vol. 2, Ch.-M. London: Country Life; New York: Scribner, 1924. illus. plates. 105s. per vol. \$35 per vol.

Penderel-Brodhurst, J., and Edwin J. Layton. A glossary of English furniture of the historic periods. London: Murray, 1925. 202 p. 6s.

LITERATURE

There have been important additions to the growing group of author dictionaries and concordances and handbooks. The publication of Professor Broughton's "Concordance to the Poems of Robert Browning" meets a need which reference librarians have felt for years. Like all good modern concordances this attempts to be practically complete and records all occurrences of all words used by Browning except in the case of some seventy very common words

which are either omitted altogether or represented only by selected references. The work is based on the text of the *Globe* edition and references are to page and line of that edition. As reference to the line number of the poem is also given the concordance can be used quickly with any edition which numbers the lines of each poem. A new work which was begun as a Shakespeare dictionary but later broadened in scope to include all English dramatists from the Elizabethan period to 1660, is "A Topographical Dictionary to the Works of Shakespeare, and his Fellow Dramatists," by Edward H. Sugden. This indexes all place names—countries, towns, rivers, streets, taverns, etc.—mentioned in the plays covered, with brief but precise information about each place and exact reference to the play in which it occurs. The place-names in Milton are also included and there are some references to Spenser. Part 5 of A. E. Baker's "Shakespeare Dictionary" deals with Hamlet. Miss Spurgeon's "500 Years of Chaucer Criticism" is an important reference book which is a mine of information as to comment on Chaucer, exhaustive allusions before 1800 and selective for those after that date. Important reference bibliographies for the student of first editions, the book collector, etc., are Thomas J. Wise's "A Shelley Library" and "A Swinburne Library."

A new bibliography of literary bibliographies, the importance of which in a college or reference library it would be difficult to overestimate, is Professor C. S. Northup's "Register of Bibliographies of the English Language and Literature." This includes both separately published bibliographies and a wealth of careful analysis of bibliographies contained in periodicals, literary histories, society transactions, biographical dictionaries, provincial bibliographies such as Boase "Bibliotheca Cornubiensis," and other composite works. All entries are given with exact reference, there are some critical and descriptive notes and references to reviews are also included. The serial numbers of the bibliographies listed run to nearly 6000, and as many of these are sub-numbered the total number recorded is probably well over that figure. Even that large number represents close selection as the preface states that several thousand other references were examined and rejected.

There are several new reference books on the drama. A new edition of Parker's "Who's Who in the Theatre," considerably enlarged from the edition of three years ago, is described in more detail below in the section Biography. The "Stage Year Book," which was discontinued after 1920 because of the increased cost of printing, has been revived, and now appears in a combination volume which covers the five years 1920-24. A useful handbook for drama

study in either class or club work is Barrett Clark's "Study of the Modern Drama," which is really a new edition, largely remade, of his two earlier works "Continental Drama of Today" and "British and American Drama of Today." The new work includes more authors and nationalities than its two predecessors, the bibliographies have been brought to date, some change made in the selection of plays included, etc. The earlier volumes are not entirely superseded, however, in the case of plays included there but omitted in the later work. A new index of recitations and orations is the "Index to Dramatic Readings," compiled by Agnes K. Silk and Clara E. Fanning. This indexes, under author, title, subject, type, occasion, first line, and refrain, the selections included in some twenty-five books of recitations, published between 1915 and 1925. As few of these books are indexed in Granger, the new index should have a distinct use.

Several new anthologies call for comment. The most generally useful of these, especially in the average public library, is Burton E. Stevenson's "Home Book of Modern Verse," a very well arranged collection of American and English poems published since 1900. Somewhat the same ground is covered, tho less fully, in Untermeyer's two anthologies "Modern American Poetry" and "Modern British Poetry," of which new editions have appeared this year. The Stevenson collection includes many more poems, but the biographical and critical notes given in the Untermeyer anthologies are fuller and the selection of poems is frequently different. A good reference anthology to be used in connection with the first volume of the "Cambridge History of English Literature" is the "Cambridge Book of Prose and Verse," which give illustrative selections, biographical and other notes, references to the Cambridge History and to the sources of the selections. Two new Oxford anthologies are the "Oxford Book of Russian Verse," which includes some twenty-eight poets, and the "Oxford Book of Portuguese Verse," representing about seventy authors. Like other Oxford anthologies, these include biographical notices.

New index volumes to *Notes and Queries* (12th series, 1916-1923) and to the corresponding French periodical *Intermédiaire des Chercheurs* (1897-1920), provide convenient keys to much curious information, quotations, names, allusions, etc. A new handbook of miscellaneous and literary allusions, fictitious characters, plots, etc., is "Cowell's Handbook for Readers and Writers," compiled by Henrietta Gerwig. This is on the plan of earlier compilations of the same type, but is naturally much fuller for recent titles, names, synopses of modern novels, etc. What promises to be an important new

encyclopaedia of German literary history, forms, movements, etc., is the Merker and Stammler "Reallexikon der deutschen Literaturgeschichte." This has signed articles of some length, with extensive bibliographies, and the four parts so far issued carry the alphabet nearly thru the letter E.

Baker, Arthur E. Shakespeare dictionary: part 5, Hamlet. Taunton, Eng.: Author, 1925. p. 177-244. 4s. 6d.

Broughton, Leslie N., and Benjamin F. Stelter. Concordance to the poems of Robert Browning. New York: G. E. Stechert and Co., 1924-25. 2 v. \$35.

Cambridge book of prose and verse in illustration of English literature. From the beginnings to the Cycles of Romance. ed. by George Sampson. Cambridge: University Press, 1924. 438 p. 10s. 6d.

Clark, Barrett H. A study of the modern drama; a handbook for the study and appreciation of the best plays, European, English, and American, of the last half century. New York: Appleton, 1925. 527 p. \$3.50. 15s.

Fitzmaurice-Kelly, James. Spanish bibliography. Oxford: University Press, 1925. 389 p. 12s. 6d.

Gervig, Henrietta. Crowell's handbook for readers and writers; a dictionary of famous characters and plots in legend, fiction, drama, opera and poetry, together with dates and principal works of important authors, literary and journalistic terms, and familiar allusions. New York: Crowell. c. 1925. 728 p. \$3.50.

Intermédiaire des chercheurs et curieux: Table générale (années 1897 à 1920), dressée par Pierre Dufay. Paris: Intermédiaire, 1925. 1198 cols. 40 fr.

Merker, Paul and Wolfgang Stammler. Reallexikon der deutschen Literaturgeschichte. Berlin: De Gruyter, 1925. Ifgn. 1.4, A-Epos.

Northup, Clark Sutherland. A register of bibliographies of the English language and literature, by Clark Sutherland Northup, with contributions by Joseph Quincy Adams and Andrew Keogh. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1925. 507 p. (Cornell studies in English.) \$5.

Notes and Queries. General index to series the 12th (1916-1923). High Wycombe, Eng.: Bucks Free Press, 1924. 178 p.

Oxford book of Portuguese verse, ed. by Aubrey F. G. Bell. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1925. 320 p. 8s. 6d.

Oxford book of Russian verse, chosen by the Hon. Maurice Baring. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1924. 210 p. 8s. 6d.

Silk, Agnes K. and Clara E. Fanning. Index to dramatic readings. Boston: Faxon, 1925. 303 p. \$5. (Useful reference series 31.)

Spurgeon, Caroline F. E. 500 years of Chaucer criticism and allusion. 1357-1900. Cambridge: University Press, 1925. 3 v.

Stage year book, 1921-1925, ed. by Lionel Carson. London: The Stage, 1925. 289 p. 5s.

Stevenson, Burton E. Home book of modern verse; an extension of the Home book of verse, being a selection of American and English poems of the 20th century. New York: Holt, 1925. 1121 p. \$7.50.

Untermeyer, Louis. Modern American poetry. 3d rev. ed. New York: Harcourt, 1925. 621 p. \$3.

— Modern British poetry. Rev. and enl. ed. New York: Harcourt, 1925. 388 p. \$2.50.

Wise, Thomas James. A Shelley library, a catalogue of books, manuscripts and autograph letters. London: Pr. for private circulation, 1924. 160 p.

— A Swinburne library; printed books, manuscripts and autograph letters. London: Pr. for priv. circulation, 1925. 295 p.

BIOGRAPHY

Recent publications in this field are both numerous and important, and include new volumes of large sets "in progress," revivals or continuations of completed or interrupted sets, revised editions of standard works of contemporary biography, and some wholly new works. The "Who's Who" group includes both regional and special compilations. The seventh biennial issue of the Swedish "Ven Ar Det" is larger than the last preceding issue by one hundred and twenty-seven pages. The new third edition of "Who's Who in China" consists, like the earlier edition, of material reprinted from the *China Weekly Review* but shows some revision of the older material and the addition of over three hundred biographies to the one hundred and fifty included in the 1920 edition. The new volume of the "National Cyclopædia of American Biography" ("current volume A") is really a "who's who" work as it includes only living names and refers in its index to articles on persons still living included in earlier volumes. Most of the names included are to be found in "Who's Who in America," tho its articles are longer. "Kürschner's Deutscher Gelehrten Kalender" is a new annual of contemporary German biography which is especially timely now as there has yet been no new issue of "Wer Ist's" since 1921. Its articles are of about the same length and type as those in the "Kürschner's Deutscher Literatur-kalender," with which it now divides the field, the new work including articles on specialists and the Literatur-kalender covering writers of general literature. The new special compilations represent varied fields of activity. A second edition of "Who's Who in Engineering" is much enlarged over the 1922 issue, including now more than eighteen thousand names, principally American, but with a considerable proportion of Canadian biographies and some from other parts of the world. It is planned to make the work regularly biennial hereafter. The seventh edition of the British "Medical Who's Who" is a revival of a work which has been suspended since the issue of 1917-18. A new work in contemporary biography of American physicians and surgeons is "Who's Who in American Medicine, 1925," which includes both Canadian and American authors. The fifth edition of Parker's "Who's Who in the Theatre" adds three hundred and fifty new biographies not included in earlier editions and is otherwise enlarged. The editor calls attention in his preface to the interesting fact that of the many dictionaries of modern theatrical biographies this is the first to reach a fifth edition. A new work, in a field hitherto untouched by the who's who industry is "Who's Who in Jurisprudence," which contains twelve thousand five hundred

biographies of lawyers, jurists, etc., principally American and Canadian, but including some names of those resident or practicing abroad. The "American Labor Who's Who" is a small work which includes foreign as well as American names.

Any record of recent works of national biography would have to be described as "including the Scandinavian" to a marked degree. The new issue of "Vem Ar Det" has already been mentioned. An entirely new work is the "Forfatterlexikon Omfattende Danmark, Norge og Island, indtil 1814," by H. Ehrencron-Müller, which gives brief biographies, with very full bibliographies, of Danish, Norwegian and Icelandic writers before 1814. It is on the same general plan as the similar works of Erslew and Halvorsen which cover respectively the Danish and Norwegian authors after 1814 and includes cross references to those two works for writers within its period who are included in either Erslew or Halvorsen. The first volume (A-Bo) contains nearly eight hundred and fifty names, *i.e.* seven hundred and seventeen articles and more than one hundred references to Erslew and Halvorsen. The bibliographies are so full that this new lexikon is as much a contribution to national bibliography as to national biography. The three Scandinavian biographical dictionaries in process of publication—the Swedish, the Norwegian, and the Danish—show progress; the parts or volumes recently issued are recorded in the appended list. Other standard dictionaries of national biography which show new volumes are the "Nieuw Nederlandsch Biografisch Woordenboek," of which volume 6 has appeared, and the "Biographie Nationale" of the Académie Royale de Belgique which in volume 23 now reaches the word Steven. As the Belgian dictionary does not select a name for inclusion until ten years after the person's death there are still, especially in the earlier letters of the alphabet, many cases where the long obituary articles in the *Annuaire* of the academy must be used to supplement the dictionary, and the index to these obituaries for the years 1837-19, published a few years ago, is a useful guide. For English biography, users of the "Dictionary of National Biography" will want to note the various *Errata* lists for that work are appearing regularly in the *Bulletin* of the Institute for Historical Research.

For scientific biography the most important recent publication is the continuation of "Poggendorff's Biographisch-literarisches Handwörterbuch," which is being edited under the auspices of the Leipzig Academy. The new series of this work numbered as volume 5 of the set, covers the years 1904-1922, and part 1, A-K

has been published. Two new volumes of the Thieme-Becker "Allgemeines Lexikon der Bildenden Künstler" extend that work to the word Ingouf.

Academie Royale de Belgique. *Biographie nationale*. Tome 23, Snayers-Steven. Bruxelles: Bruylants, 1921-24. 956 cols.

American Labor Who's Who, ed. by Solon de Leon in collaboration with I. C. Hayssen and Grace Poole. New York: Hanford Press, 1925. 374 p.

Dansk biografisk handleksikon, redigeret af Sven-Dahl og P. Engelstoft. Kjøbenhavn: Gyldendal, 1923. v. 3 (hft. 14-17) p. 1-448. kr. 2.85 per hft.

Deutsches biographisches Jahrbuch, hrsg. vom Verbande der deutschen Akademien. Überleitungsband 1, 1914-16. Berlin and Leipzig: Deutsche Verlagsanstalt, 1925. 372 p.

Ehrencron-Müller, H. *Forfatterlexikon omfattende Danmark, Norge og Island indtil 1814*. Bd. 1-2, A-E. Kjøbenhavn: Aschehoug, 1924-25. v. 1-2. — kr.

Kurschners deutscher Gelehrten-kalender auf das Jahr 1925, unter redaktioneller Mitarbeit von Dr. Hans Strodel, hrsg. von Dr. Gerhard Ludtke. 1. Jahrg. Berlin: De Gruyter, 1925. 1320 cols.

National encyclopaedia of American biography. Current volume A. New York: White, 1925. \$15.

Medical who's who. 7th ed. 1925. London: Grafton, 1925. 770 p. 30s.

Nieuw nederlandsch biografisch woordenboek, onder redactie van Dr. P. C. Molhuysen, Prof. Dr. P. J. Blok, en Dr. Fr. K. H. Kossmann. 6. deel. Leiden: Sijthoff, 1924. 1440 cols.

Norsk biografisk leksikon. Redaktion: Ed. Bull. Anders Grogvig, Gerhard Gran. Oslo: Aschehoug, 1923. v. 2 and v. 3 hft. 1. kr. 7.50 per hft.

Parker, John. Who's who in the theatre. London: Pitman, 1925. 1300 p. 25s.

Poggendorff, Johann Christian. J. C. Poggendorff's biographisch-literarischer Handwörterbuch für Mathematik, Astronomie, Physik, Chemie und verwandte Wissenschaftsgebiete; bd. 5, 1904-1922, hrsg. von der Sachsischen Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Leipzig, redig. von Prof. Dr. P. Weinmeister. 1. abth. A-K. Leipzig: Verlag-Chemie 1925. abth. 1, 695 p. Svensk biografisk lexikon. Redaktor, Bertil Boethius. 5. bd. Blom-Branius. Stockholm: Bonnier. 1925. v. 5. 797 p.

Thieme, Ulrich, and Felix Becker. Allgemeines Lexikon der bildenden Künstler, von der Antike bis zur Gegenwart, hrsg. von Hans Vollmer. 17-18. bd., Heuholz Ingouf. Leipzig: Seemann, 1925. v. 17-18.

Vem är det. Svensk biografisk handbok, 1925. Stockholm: Norstedt [1924]. 867 p.

Who's who in American medicine, 1925, ed. by Loyd Thompson and Winfield Scott Downs. New York: Who's Who Pub. Co., 1925. 1820 p. \$10.

Who's who in China, containing the pictures and biographies of China's best known political, financial, business and professional men. 3d ed. Shanghai: China Weekly Review, 1925. 972 p. \$4.

Who's who in engineering, a biographical dictionary of contemporaries, 1925, by John Leonard. 2d ed. New York: Who's Who Pub. Co., 1925. 2483 p. \$10.

Who's Who in Jurisprudence; a biographical dictionary of contemporary lawyers and jurists 1925. With a complete geographical index. Brooklyn, N. Y.: John W. Leonard Corp. [c1925]. 1618 p. \$10.

HISTORY

In this group of publications the emphasis falls, this year, upon bibliography and archaeology. In the field of classical antiquities should be noted the completion of one more

volume of the Pauly-Wissowa lexicon which carries the first series of the alphabet thru the word Libanon. For non-classical antiquities there is the new edition of Schrader's "Reallexikon der Indogermanischen Altertumskunde", the latest fascicle of which carries the work to the word Slaven. The publishers of this work are also issuing a much larger encyclopedia of archaeology in general, "Reallexikon der Vorgeschichte" which is under the general editorship of Professor Max Ebert. This shows signed articles, many of them of considerable length, with bibliography and excellent illustrations. Volumes 1-3 (A—Franken) are complete except for one fascicle of volume 2 and parts of volume 4-6 have been issued, carrying the alphabet, with breaks, as far as Italien. For Egyptian archaeology and for the history of Egypt to the time of the Arab conquest the New York Public Library's "Ancient Egypt, Sources of Information" forms an important reference bibliography of book and periodical literature.

The use of Winfield's "Chief Sources of English Legal History" to the research worker in English history has already noted in an earlier section. Of interest to this same kind of worker is the new "Guide to the Manuscripts Preserved in the Public Record Office" by M. S. Giuseppi. This work, which takes the place of the earlier guide by Scargill-Bird, is in two volumes, the first dealing with legal records and the second with the State papers and records of the Departments. A popular encyclopedia of historical, geographical and economic information about the British Empire is the "Encyclopaedia of the British Empire" edited by C. W. Domville Fife. This is arranged alphabetically by rather large subjects with a general index of small subjects and a separate gazetteer of some 3,000 towns and cities, and is profusely illustrated. For Continental European history several titles may be mentioned. The latest part of the "Dansk Historisk Bibliografi" of B. Erichsen and Alfred Krarup covers the section topography—volumes 1 and 3, dealing respectively with political and social history and biography were published 1917-1921, and the issue of a general index to volumes 1-2 will finish the set. The excellent "Dictionnaire Historique et Biographique de la Suisse" has added five fascicles, carrying the alphabet to the word Grisons.

Dictionnaire historique et biographique de la Suisse: fasc. 20-25 Fellenberg to Grisons. Neuchatel: Attinger, 1925.

Domville-Fife, Charles William. Encyclopaedia of the British Empire. . . illustrated with 2000 photographs and maps. Bristol: Rankin brothers, 1925. 3 v. illus. plates, maps.

Erichsen, B., and Alfr. Krarup. Dansk historisk bibliografi; systematisk fortegnelse over bidrag Danmarks historie til udgangen af 1912. København; Gad; 1917-24. v. 1-3.

New York. Public Library. Ancient Egypt; sources of information in the New York Public library, comp. by Ida A. Pratt under the direction of Dr. Richard Gottheil. New York: The New York Public Library, 1925. 486 p.

Pauly, August Friedrich von. Pauly's Realencyclopädie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft; neue Bearbeitung, unter Mitwirkung zahlreicher Fachgenossen hrsg. von G. Wissowa. Bd. XII (1) Kynesiologie. Stuttgart: Metzler, 1925. 2552 cols.

Reallexikon der vorgeschichte . . . hrsg. von Max Ebert. Berlin: De Gruyter, 1924-25. v. 1-3. A-Franken. v. 1, 3, complete, bound, M. 86.

Schrader, Otto. Reallexikon der indogermanischen Altertumskunde; Grundzüge einer Kultur und Völkergeschichte alt-europas. 2. verm. und umgearb. aufl. hrsg. von A. Nehring. v. 2, hft. 1-3. Lab-Slaven.

GEOGRAPHY

"The World Missions Atlas" and Philip's "Chambers of Commerce Atlas" have already been mentioned in earlier sections. Another of the various standard atlases of which new editions were undertaken after the War, Stieler's "Hand Atlas", has been completed by the issue of the final maps and the detailed name index. The useful "Cambridge Modern History Atlas" appears in a second edition which is not, however, greatly altered from the first edition, 1914. The changes consist of corrections and the addition of a subject index, or rather subject table of contents, to the maps included. Libraries which have a heavy or important use of historical atlases will wish to take note of the errata in several of these which are pointed out in an article in the *Bulletin* of the Institute of Historical Research for November 1925. A new atlas which will be of interest in the very large library or in the special library interested in African or colonial questions is the "Atlas des Cercles de l'A.O.F." which is being issued by the Service Géographique of French West Africa. Two parts dealing respectively with the Côte d'Ivoire and Sénégal have already appeared.

An interesting new geographical dictionary is the "Dictionnaire Historique et Géographique des Communes Belges" by Eugène de Seyn. This gives the ordinary gazetteer information, population at different periods, a good deal of archaeological information about historical monuments, buildings, etc., changes in place-names, with the date of the various forms, etc., and many excellent illustrations. For the archaeological and place name information it is fuller than the older work of Jourdain and Van Stalle, now out of print. A new geographic dictionary for one of the possessions of the United States is the "Geographic Dictionary of the Virgin Islands" issued by the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

For geographic names there are several publications to record. The "English Place Name Society" organized several years ago to make a

thorough study and survey of English place names, has issued its first dictionary list "Place Names of Buckinghamshire" by A. Mawer and F. M. Stenton. The Permanent Committee on Geographical Names for British Official Use has published several new lists and extensions including a "Second List of Arabic Names", "General List of Names in the Empire of India", and first lists covering respectively Abyssinia, Czechoslovakia, Fiji, and Palestine. For information about American decisions there is a second supplement to the Fifth (1920) report of the Geographic Board. A new Canadian list for a small region is the "Place Names of Prince Edward Island" compiled by R. Douglas and published by the Geographic Board of Canada.

Cambridge modern history atlas . . . 2d ed. Cambridge: University press; New York: Macmillan, 1925. 229 p. 141 maps. 40s.

Canada. Geographic board. Place names of Prince Edward Island, with meanings; comp. by R. Douglas. Ottawa: F. A. Acland, pr., 1925. 55p.

French West Africa. Service géographique. Atlas des cercles de l'A.O.F. dressé et dessiné au Service géographique . . . sous la direction du commandant Ed. de Martonne. Paris: Maison Forest, 1924-25. fasc. 1, 7.

Mawer, A., and F. M. Stenton. Place names of Buckinghamshire. Cambridge: University press, 1925. 274 p. (English Place Name Society, v. 2). 18s.

Permanent Committee on Geographical Names for British Official Use. London: Royal Geographical Society, 1924-25. 6 pamphlets 6d. each.

Seyn, Eugène de. Dictionnaire historique et géographique des communes belges . . . fasc. 1-19. A-Ver. Bruxelles: Bieleveld, 1924-25. 6fr.50c. per fasc.

Stieler, Adolf. Stieler's Handatlas, 205 haupt-und nebenkarten . . . von Dr. H. Haack. 10. aufl. Gotha: Perthes, 1925. 315p. 108 double maps.

U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. Geographic dictionary of the Virgin Islands of the United States, by James William McGuire. Washington: Govt. Prtg. Off., 1925. 21 p. 25c.

U. S. Geographic Board. Decisions, June 1923-June 1925: second supplement to the 5th Report. Washington: Govt. Prtg. Off., 1925. 31p.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Additions to the group of national and trade bibliographies include some entirely new works as well as new cumulated volumes of established sets. Here again the emphasis falls on the Scandinavian group. The five year volume of the "Dansk Bogfortegnelse" for 1920-24 is appearing in parts; about half of the author list is already issued. The corresponding Norwegian list, "Norsk Bogfortegnelse" cumulates by ten instead of five year periods and the volume for 1911-20 has been issued. For an earlier period there is the fourth volume of Petersen's "Bibliotheca Norvegica" which was completed in 1924. This lists editions and translations of Norwegian authors published outside of Norway since 1814.

In Italian two titles are to be recorded. The second supplement (1910-20) of the "Catalogo Generale" has reached the section *Garu*. A new work is the "Catalogo dei Cataloghi del Libro Italiano," which may be described as an Italian "Trade List Annual" equipped with an index. One of its two volumes consists of Italian publishers' catalogs bound together alphabetically and the other supplies an index, by authors and subjects, to these lists. Other titles in trade bibliography are the third part of Palau y Dulcet's "Manual del Librero Hispano-American," which covers the letter D, a "List of all Hungarian Books in Trade," compiled by the Lantos company, Budapest, and two cumulated volumes in the standard Finnish set "Suomalais Kirjallisuus" for 1916-20 and 1921-23.

Several works of bibliography of bibliography have been mentioned in earlier sections of this survey. An interesting revival in this field is the annual "Bibliographie des Bibliotheks- und Buchwesens, bearbeitet von Richard Mecklenin," which continues the earlier annual by Hortzschansky. As the Hortzschansky list was discontinued at the outbreak of the War, with the annual for 1912 there is a gap of ten years between it and its successor. An international record which aims to list current bibliographies in all fields is the "Index Bibliographicus," issued by the League of Nations. The new index to the *Zentralblatt für Bibliotheks- und Buchwesen* (1904-1923) supplies a key to much German material on library and bibliographical subjects.

Most of the titles noted above deal with recent bibliography. For information about old or rare books the index volume to "American Book Prices Current," the first general index to be made for this set, is important. The event of the year, however, in matters relating to early and rare books, is the appearance of the first volume of the long expected "Gesamtkatalog" of incunabula. This gives detailed descriptions with references to other descriptions in printed works such as Hain, Proctor, etc., and indicates libraries possessing copies.

Library and book trade directories of the year include "The American Book Trade Directory . . . Publishers, Booksellers, Organizations, Periodicals" and a new edition of "Special Libraries Directory," issued by the Special Libraries Association. For children's librarians and school librarians a recent publication of first importance is the third edition of the "Children's Catalog," edited by Minnie E. Sears, which appears in two editions, one listing forty-one hundred books, with analytical entries for eight hundred and sixty-three books, and the other, an abridgment listing twelve hundred books with analysis of two hundred and seventy-two. Most workers with children will prefer

the larger list, but the abridged will be useful to either the very small library or to the individual interested in children's reading. A new glossary of printing and book terms is the "Bookman's Glossary," by John A. Holden.

American book-prices current. Index to American book-prices current, 1916-1922, comp. by Philip Sanford Goulding. New York: Dutton, 1925. 1397 p. \$25.

American book trade directory, 1925; including lists of publishers, booksellers, organizations and periodicals. New York: Bowker, 1925. 255 p.

Bibliographie des Bibliotheks- und Buchwesens, bearb. von Richard Mecklein. Jahrg. 1922. Leipzig: Harrassowitz, 1923. 115 p. (Zentralblatt für Bibliotheks-wesen, Beihefte, 51).

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Dansk bogfortegnelse for aarene 1920-1924, udarbejdet af H. Ehrencren-Müller. 1-10. haefte, A-Jer. Kjøbenhavn: Gad, 1925. 10 pts. p. 1-160.

Holden, John A. Bookman's glossary, a compendium of information relating to the production and distribution of books. New York: Bowker, 1925. 127 p. \$2.

Index bibliographicus. Répertoire international des sources de bibliographie courante (Périodiques et institutions). Publié sous la direction de Marcel Godet . . . [par la] Commission de Coopération Intel. International Catalogue of Sources of current bibliographical information (Periodicals and Institutions). Geneva: Benteli, S. A.; Berne: Bumpliz, 1925. 3 fr.

Lantos, firm, booksellers, Budapest. List of all Hungarian books in trade, arranged by Miss Blanche Pilkler and Dr. Robert Braum. Budapest: Lantos Co., 1925. 252 p.

Nijhoff, Wouter, and M. E. Kronenberg. Nederlandsche bibliographie van 1500 tot 1540. Supplement. 's-Gravenhage: Nijhoff, 1925.

Pagliaini, Attilio. Catalogo generale della libreria italiana: Secondo supplemento, 1911-1920. Fasc. 3-9. Bet.-Caru. Milan: Hoepli, 1924-25. L. 16.

Palau y Dulcet, Antonio. Manual del librero hispano-americano: inventario bibliografico de la producción científica y literaria de España y de la América latina desde la invención de la imprenta hasta nuestros días, con el valor comercial, de todos los artículos descritos. Barcelona: Librería Anticuaria, 1925. pt. 3, D.

Pettersen, Hjalmar. Bibliotheca norvegica. 4. del. Kristiania: Cammeyer, 1913-24.

Prussia. Kommission für den Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke. Gesamtkatalog der Wiegendrucke, hrsg. von der Kommission. . . . Leipzig: Hiersemann, 1925. v. 1, A-Al.

Sears, Minnie Earl. Children's catalog, 3d. ed. revised and enlarged. A dictionary catalog of 4100 books, with analytical entries for 863 books. Based on Children's catalog of 3500 books compiled by Corinne Bacon, suppl. by selected library lists and bulletins. New York: Wilson, 1925. 644 p. (Standard catalog series). \$12.; also service basis, apply to publisher for price.

— Children's catalog, 3d ed. revised and enlarged. A dictionary catalog of 1200 books with analytical entries for 272 books. Based on Children's catalog of 1000 books, comp. by Corinne Bacon . . . New York: Wilson, 1925. 228 p. \$3.

Special libraries directory (2d ed.) Comp. by May Wilson . . . ed. by Rebecca B. Rankin . . . introduction by John Cotton Dana . . . New York: Special Libraries Association, 1925. 254 p. \$2.50.

Suomalainen kirjallisuus 1916-1920, 1921-1923, aakkosellinen ja aineenmukainen luettelo. La littérature finoise 1916-1920, 1921-23 catalogue alphabétique et systématique. Helsinki, 1924-25. 2 v.

Zentralblatt für Bibliothekswesen Generalregister zum 21. April. Jahrgange . . . (1904-1923) begonnen von Georg Leyh, fortgeführt von Paul Hehring. Leipzig: Harrassowitz, 1925. 313 p.

An Address to the American People

THE Council of the American Library Association, at its meeting in Chicago on January 2, approved the following address to the American people recommended by the Committee on Library Revenues, and "instructed the secretary to give it the widest possible distribution to the people of the United States and Canada."

The American Library Association invites the American people to a consideration of the service which libraries are now rendering, and to the possibilities of a much greater service, if larger financial means were available for their work. Thru national, state, county, municipal and endowed public libraries, continuous education may be provided for all ages and classes of people at a very small expense as compared with that of their formal education. No less important in the economy of daily life is the recreational service of libraries.

The American Library Association believes and declares that the community served is primarily and directly responsible for the financial support of the library, as it is for the support of its schools. We believe nevertheless that thru the provision of endowment or trust funds, sup-

plementing those received from taxation, the work of libraries may be greatly extended, enriched, and improved. This is especially true of funds devoted to the literature of a particular subject or the work of a particular department of the library.

In many communities the municipal public library has already been the recipient of a considerable number of endowment or trust funds for specific or general purposes. The Boston Public Library, for example, has nearly fifty such funds. In most communities, however, trust funds for libraries are almost unknown. It is this phase of public service that the Association especially recommends to the consideration of persons of means. Funds given for such purposes not only continue indefinitely to provide for the enlargement of the educational opportunities of the people, but they may also serve as a splendid memorial for an individual or group, carrying as they usually do a name identified with a service that continues thru the years.

These considerations apply not only to tax supported libraries, but also to privately en-

dowed libraries giving a service free to all, and to libraries of colleges, universities, and other educational institutions.

The Association recommends to library boards or others responsible for the administration of libraries that the possibilities and opportunities of library trust funds be called to the attention of their constituencies. It also suggests that library boards see to it that proper legal authority is provided for the handling of such trust funds for the benefit of their particular library, if such authority does not already exist. It may be necessary in some states that legislation be enacted to enable library boards or other municipal authorities to function as trustees for the management of such funds, so as to carry out the terms of a gift or bequest. The development of trust funds presents a vast field for constructive work on the part of library

boards. The number, variety and size of trust funds add enormously to the dignity and prestige of an institution, and especially to a tax supported institution. It is most advisable, however, that gifts and bequests should be so made that changed conditions may be properly met in a legal way without destroying the usefulness and general purpose of the fund.

The Association further recommends to all persons contemplating the establishment of trust funds for library purposes, either by gift or bequest, that before creating such funds, they consult with the librarian, or persons responsible for the administration of the library. The utmost care should be taken to avoid duplication of service, and to make these trust funds of the greatest possible use both for the present and for the future.

"'Tis Fifty Years Since"

I. LIBRARIANSHIP A PROFESSION

MELVIL DEWEY wrote in the LIBRARY JOURNAL: "The time has at last come when a librarian may, without assumption, speak of his occupation as a profession. And, more, a better time has come—perhaps we should say is coming, for it still has many fields to conquer. The best librarians are no longer men of merely negative virtues. They are positive, aggressive characters, standing in the front rank of the educators of their communities, side by side with the preachers and the teachers. The people are more and more getting their incentives and ideas from the printed page.

"The time *was* when a library was very like a museum, and a librarian was a mouser in musty books, and visitors looked with curious eyes at ancient times and manuscripts. The time *is* when a library is a school, and the visitor is a reader among the books as a workman among his tools. Will any man deny to the high calling of such a librarianship the title of profession?" L. J., v. 1, p. 5-6.

II. TOPICS OF AN A.L.A. CONFERENCE

Librarians at Philadelphia, at a conference which "proved a thorough and entire success," discussed the following topics as shown by the table of contents of the JOURNAL, v. 1, p. [43]. Some Popular Objections to Public Libraries. *William F. Poole*.

The Preservation of Pamphlets. *Charles A. Cutter*. A Universal Catalogue: Its Necessity and Practicability. *James G. Barnwell*.

The Sizes of Printed Books. *Charles Evans*. A Co-operative Index for Public Libraries. *Thomas H. Rogers*.

Free Libraries and Readers. *Justin Winsor*. Bibliography as a Science. *Reuben A. Guild*.

The Qualifications of a Librarian. *Lloyd P. Smith*. Personal Relations Between Librarians and Readers. *Samuel S. Green*.

Subject-Indexes for Popular Libraries. *H. A. Homes*. Copyright in its Relations to Libraries and Literature. *A. R. Spofford*.

"The absence of a stenographer encouraged freedom of debate," says the JOURNAL on p. 91

"Most of the speakers have been furnished with a minute of the details in which they took part and requested to write out their remarks. . . ."

III. PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

"As a general rule the public documents have been a despised class of books. Especially has this been true in our smaller libraries, which have hardly yet learned to appreciate them

"The first great need . . . is some full index brought up and kept up to date—an index of reports and also one of subjects treated of in these reports, the fuller the better. . . . A further cause of the contempt . . . is the careless lavishness with which they are scattered about the country . . . they are cast indiscriminately abroad."—Melvil Dewey, L. J., v. 1, p. 10-11.

"Professional Education for Librarianship," presented by Tse-Chien Tai last summer as a thesis for the doctorate at the University of Iowa, is rather more than a bare presentation of a theoretical analysis of the social, educational and intellectual factors . . . dominant in the development of libraries and the determination of the character of their service and . . . consequently, the dominant factors in the determination of the character of professional education for librarianship. It is a readable book of especially timely interest which will be reviewed in an early number of the LIBRARY JOURNAL. (H. W. Wilson Co., 259p. \$2.25).

Accredited Colleges and their Libraries

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REPUTABLE colleges and universities throughout the country have banded together in sectional organizations to improve and maintain academic standards. These organizations are: Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Middle States and Maryland; Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States; The North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; and the Northwest Association of Secondary and Higher School. According to its secretary, "The New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools is an association of individuals and not of institutions as its name would imply. The Association has no requirements which a college must meet to become a member. . . . Indeed we have no institutional membership." All states, therefore, except the New England ones and Nevada are represented in these associations of accredited colleges and universities.

Each of these four associations requires that a college must meet certain standards before it is admitted to membership, or "accredited". Other standards must be maintained after admission. The standards of the four vary somewhat, but there is a general similarity in the requirements for membership. College entrance requirements (the satisfactory completion of a four-year course of not less than fifteen units in an approved secondary school); graduation requirements (the completion of a minimum quantitative requirement of one hundred and twenty semester hours of credit, with further scholastic qualitative requirements adapted by each institution to its condition); and the size of classes (more than thirty students are regarded as endangering educational efficiency) are typical requirements on which all the associations agree.

Slight variations are apparent in the following requirements: In the Southern and Middle States associations, colleges with approximately one hundred students must maintain at least eight separate departments, with at least one professor devoting his whole time to each department. In the North Central and Northwest associations, the college of two hundred students must maintain eight departments, each with a head of professorial rank. In the matter of finances there is greater variation. The Southern association says that the college should have an annual income of not less than \$50,000, and if not tax-supported, an endowment of not less than \$500,000. The Middle States Association says that the minimum annual operating in-

come, exclusive of payment of interest, annuities, etc., should be \$50,000, of which not less than \$25,000 should be derived from stable sources, other than students, preferably from endowment funds. The North Central and Northwest associations say that the college, if a corporate institution, shall have a minimum annual income of \$50,000 for its educational program, one-half of which shall be from sources other than payment by students, and an additional annual income of \$5,000, one-half of which shall be from sources other than payments by students, for each one hundred students above two hundred. Such a college, to gain admittance to these associations in 1927, if not tax-supported, shall possess a productive endowment of \$500,000, and an additional endowment of \$50,000 for each additional one hundred students above two hundred.

The requirements for the libraries of members of the four associations are set forth in the following statement: "The college shall have a live, well-distributed, professionally administered library of at least eight thousand volumes exclusive of public documents, bearing specifically upon the subjects taught and with a definite annual appropriation for the purchase of new books." To this the Southern association adds: "in keeping with the curriculum." And to the previous statement the North Central and Northwest associations add: "and current periodicals. It is urged that such appropriation be at least five dollars per student registered."

The dissection of these requirements for the libraries of the leading colleges and universities of the country reveals some curious and interesting facts.

LIBRARY WORKERS

Training of Librarian and Staff. There is a slight variation among the four associations in the requirements for the training of the faculty. This statement, however, is typical. "The training of the members of the faculty of professorial rank should include at least two years of study in their respective fields of teaching in a fully organized and recognized graduate school. The training of a head of a department should be equivalent to that required for a doctor's degree or should represent a corresponding professional or technical training. A college will be judged in large part by the ratio which the number of persons of professorial rank with sound training, scholarly achievement and successful experience as teachers bears to the total number of the teaching staff".

All that is required of the librarian and staff is that the institution's library shall be "professionally administered", a requirement which, it must be admitted, leads itself to widely varying interpretations.

Size and Growth of Staff. The four associations agree in stating the minimum number of full-time teachers that must be provided by the college with the minimum number of students. They further agree that "with the growth of the student body the number of full-time teachers shall be proportionately increased."

No statement or recommendation is made concerning the size or growth of the library staff. Altho it is agreed that "classes (exclusive of lectures) of more than thirty students should be interpreted as endangering educational efficiency" there is no attempt to indicate the number of library workers per thousand volumes or per hundred students.

Working Hours of Staff. The four associations agree that "teaching schedules exceeding sixteen hours per week per instructor shall be interpreted as endangering educational efficiency."

No recommendations are made as to the amount of time that may be demanded of library workers.

Salaries. Only the Southern association specifies concerning salaries. It says: "The average salary paid members of the faculties is an important consideration in determining the standing of an institution. It is recommended that the salary of full professors be . . . by 1923-24 not less than \$3,000. The local cost of living and other factors shall be taken into consideration." Further, this standard should "be so interpreted as to mean that the salary of \$3,000 be for nine months and not for eleven."

Unless the librarian is given the academic rank of full professor (with a three-month vacation) there is no recommendation as to his salary. In the other three associations there is no mention of salary.

BOOK COLLECTIONS

Size of Collections. The four associations agree in requiring that each member institution shall have a library of at least eight thousand volumes.

Curious proportions result. In the following figures the number of volumes in the library have been taken from Patterson's American Education Directory for 1924 and the number of students from the World Almanac for 1925.

In the Southern association, among larger institutions, Johns Hopkins University, with 1599 students, has in its library 164.4 volumes per student, whereas the Georgia School of Technology, with 1821 students, has 6.9 volumes per student. If it is suggested that a technical school requires a much smaller library than a

university or liberal arts college the Johns Hopkins figures contrast advantageously with the Mississippi State College for Women (1192 students) at 12.8 volumes per student or with the University of Alabama (2535 students) at 13.6 volumes per student. For institutions having less than one thousand students there is the University of the South (258 students) with 153.1 volumes per student, and the Presbyterian College of South Carolina (200 students) with 15 volumes per student, or Mississippi College (416 students) with 15.6 volumes per student.

Such discrepancies are not confined to the Southern association. Among the larger institutions in the Middle States association there are Princeton University (2448 students) with 214.8 volumes per student, and the University of Maryland (2835 students) with 3.9 volumes per student. Among the smaller colleges in this association are Haverford College (225 students) with 400 volumes per student, and Hood College (451 students) with 17.7 volumes per student. Similar differences could be shown in the two remaining associations.

There is no attempt, as there is in the ruling concerning the number of the faculty or, as in the ruling in the North Central and Northwest associations concerning endowment, to make the size of the book collection proportional to the number of students it must serve.

Nature of Collection. The associations agree that the libraries must be "live, well distributed . . . bearing specifically upon the subjects taught."

Here again are requirements that, sounding well, may mean much or little.

Growth of Collection. All four associations require "a definite annual appropriation for the purchase of new books." The North Central and Northwest associations add "and current periodicals. It is urged that such appropriation be at least five dollars per student."

There is no stated sum required and in only two of the associations is there the suggestion of a definite minimum amount. In any event, the college with an annual appropriation of \$2,500 to provide books and periodicals for a student body of 500 is far from meeting a high standard.

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Here, compressed to a paragraph, is the situation. Among the leading universities and colleges of the country there are no officially established and enforced regulations concerning matters vital to the well being of their libraries. Other factors in academic life have this protective legislation. But the librarian and his staff may be professionally inadequate; the staff may be insufficient in number; all may be overworked and underpaid. The book collection

may be pitifully small, unsuited to the legitimate demands made on it, and growing at only a snail's pace.

The four associations herein quoted were conceived and exist as improvement agencies. They

have a real authority and power over their members. Thru the action of these associations, therefore, it would most easily be possible to improve and strengthen the college and library universities of the country.

A Scoring Schedule for Public Libraries

By ETHEL M. FAIR

THE scoring schedule for public libraries used in the Better Cities Contest in Wisconsin in the fall, was made in response to a request for such a schedule from the Wisconsin Conference Social Work, which, together with the University Extension Division, state departments, departments of the University and other groups in the state, was sponsoring a contest whereby "the degree of contentment and well-being, the measure of community spirit, the general desirableness of a town as a place to live"—the less tangible things which contribute to human welfare, to quality of community life—might be measured.

For this purpose ten aspects of community life were to be studied: health, recreation, education, industry, social welfare, public administration, religion, town and country relations, city planning, and library.

In making up these schedules it was pointed out that they should not call for merely a cross section, not arrive at common quantities, but should set forth facts concerning community interests such as would furnish "a common denominator of welfare, to set up a guiding standard for the development of the city." It was desired that the schedules should represent about seventy per cent attainment and thirty per cent possible achievement.

With the request for a scoring schedule for public libraries, then, the Conference came to the Wisconsin Free Library Commission. At that time, the spring of 1924 (we have Mr. Wheeler's word for it), there was "nothing in print in the way of a systematic general study—of a library from the community point of view." (Wheeler, "Library and the Community," p. 401). It was necessary, therefore, to draw up such a schedule.

Codified library standards and state statistics such as the following were used as the basis of the Schedule.

"Measuring Library Service"—as called for in a score card of the Federal Council of Citizenship Training. A.L.A. *Bulletin*, v. 17, p. 518-519. 1925.

A Measuring Stick for Libraries of Teacher Training Institutions. Willis H. Kerr. *LIBRARY JOURNAL*, v. 48, p. 457-461. 1923.

A Normal Library Budget and its Units of

Expense, by O. R. H. Thomson. 1913. (The new edition was not yet available).

Standards of equipment and of service and budget percentages as set forth in various library publications.

State wide figures of library finances and service such as were available from New York, Ohio, Wisconsin, Iowa and Kansas.

It was immediately apparent that many elements (such as personality), which go to make up a live library could not be set down and numerically measured. It was such elements that the Conference of Social Work was anxious to include. But the Committee felt that the schedule itself should state only qualities which could be numerically measured, asking the libraries to add in a brief, however, any facts or conditions which could not be adequately stated in the schedule.

An outline of the schedule was printed in the *Wisconsin Library Bulletin* in February and June 1924, with the request for comments or criticism. None was offered. Then at the state library meeting in October, 1924, the schedule (which had already been sent to libraries in the twenty-two cities competing) was formally presented to the Wisconsin Library Association. After the meeting a Committee was appointed by the Association to formulate some objections. Following the conference of the two committees the points of the schedule were retained with the exception of one detail, and certain other sections were added to make the requirements greater.

The final form of the schedule was then published as Publication no. 32.

The library schedule had thirteen headings: Building—location, identification, provision for children, community use—80 points; Organization and staff—library board, staff (size and qualifications), hours open for service—105 points; Income, 125 points; Expenditure, i.e. budget, 100; Circulation, 90; Book stock, 100; Registration, 40; Catalog, 100; Professional literature, 50; Reference Service, 50; Work with schools, 80; Publicity, 40; Extension, i.e. outside city, 40. Total, 1000.

The Contest covered the twelve months ending June 30, 1925. Fourteen cities finished in the contest—four in the class under 10,000 pop-

ulation, ten in the class above 10,000. In addition to the schedules received from the cities competing, seven other libraries filled out their schedules as a measure of their service for their own information. Mr. Joseph L. Wheeler of Youngstown consented to serve as judge of the library schedules.

The interest shown by the competing cities at the Wisconsin Conference of Social Work when the awards were announced was keen. The men and women representing the cities did not minimize the amount of work, the urging, and of organization which had gone into filling out the schedules. But they also were unanimous in their appreciation of their new knowledge of their communities.

The significance of the library schedule in this contest is the fact that the service of libraries is formally placed in a recognized place with other community institutions and so recognized by an organization entirely outside any organization of libraries.

Mr. Wheeler, in commenting on the contest, said, "A contest between cities on only one of the various subjects such as libraries' would have little results. It was by getting the whole community interested that the Wisconsin project succeeded so well. You will never get the leaders of the community to know about their local libraries as they did in this contest, by putting on a contest between libraries alone."

To come, then, to a consideration of the library schedule itself, after it has been put to the test.

The Committee believes that the very fact that standards already existing or that are embodied in the present practices of good libraries are here for the first time assembled is a contribution toward the measurement of library service. It believes that individual libraries will be glad to have such a guide by which to check up their own organizations. It hopes that this preliminary work of assembling the data on which the expressed standards are based may have been once for all accomplished; and that the resulting schedule may be the basis for further schedules which shall raise our standards and enlarge our objectives.

The schedule as it stands means that a score card was needed, that one was made and that it has been officially recognized and used in a state-wide project.

Altho it was the Committee's aim to arrive at a standard which would show the thirty per cent unattained ideal it seems that the requirements called for were too easily reached. A first indication of this was the fact that the library scores very generally touched a higher point than the scores in other schedules. That is, it would seem that what other committees set down as a desirable standard was not so

easily reached in existing conditions as the standards called for in libraries. In a number of headings all the libraries scored up the maximum.

Furthermore it was a surprise to find that some standards which were considered unreasonable by critics were easily attained by the competing libraries.

In other schedules used in the contest, activities were included which would be peculiar to certain cities only, e.g. County fair (score 10); Men's clubs: swimming pool (score 15); Women's clubs: swimming pool (score 15); Home coming day (score 20). In the library schedule, on the other hand, highly specialized services peculiar only to certain libraries were not included. Perhaps they should have been. This factor will account to some extent for the generally lower scores attained in the other schedules.

Difficulties in setting measurable standards were not apparent in the library schedule alone. In the schedule on recreation the question "How is the band financed?" is included. In the schedule on religion, "What hymnal is used in each church?" is asked. It is probable that the evaluation of such questions worried the judges.

In searching the completed schedule for weaknesses I am convinced that as an instrument for scoring library service the schedule has a fundamental defect in that the statements give opportunity to express positive qualities but fail to make it necessary to state deficiencies. It would be necessary to have a "deficiency score" to parallel these positive statements in order to arrive at a picture which would stimulate further efforts toward perfection.

It is also desirable that the score card should make it possible to show degrees of attainment. In the schedule under consideration a total possible score for each item was indicated; but the degree of attainment below full credit had to be left to the opinion of the person judging the reports; there was no definite gradation of values.

A suggestion on the judging also comes out of a study of the reports. To enable the judge to make proper appraisal of the conditions, it is desirable that he be given an opportunity for first hand study of the libraries in addition to his study of the submitted reports. This was not possible in the library section of the Better Cities Contest in Wisconsin. The desirability of this was also seen, by the section on health survey and experts were sent into the state by national health organizations to make the study on health conditions.

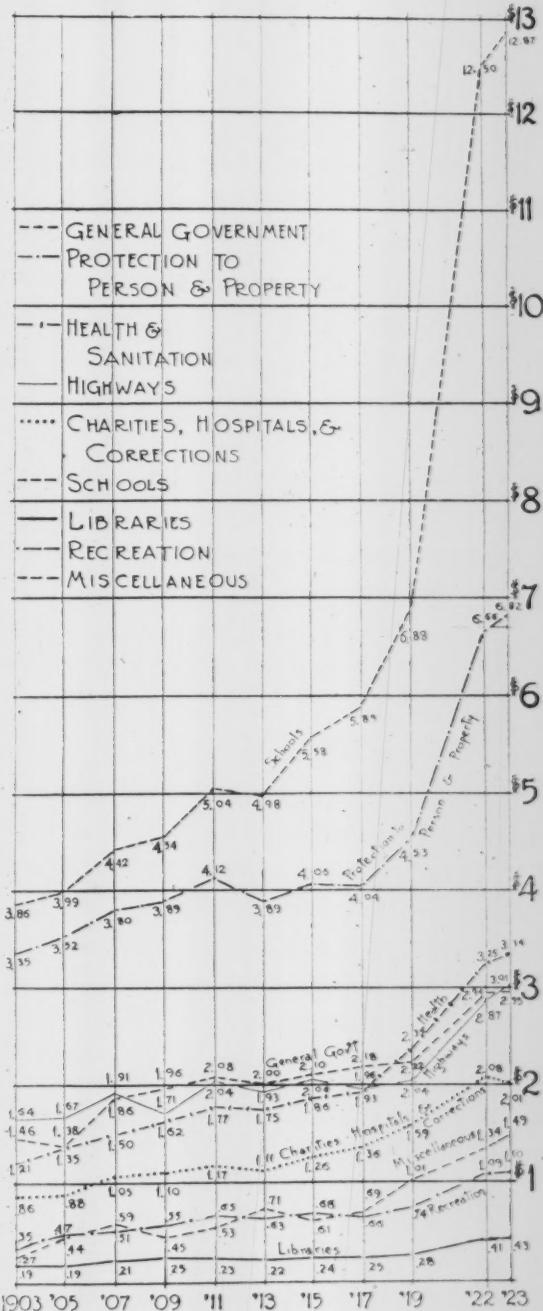
This suggestion is passed on to future surveys and surveyors together with the final recommendation that they have courage to draw the plan large and set the standards up to the ideal.

How American Cities Spend Their Incomes

THE accompanying graphs showing the per capita expenditures of cities for various groups of municipal activities and the percentage of the total expenditures, except for public utilities, were made from data given in the Financial Statistics of cities having a population of over 30,000, compiled by the Bureau of Census, now a part of the Department of Commerce.

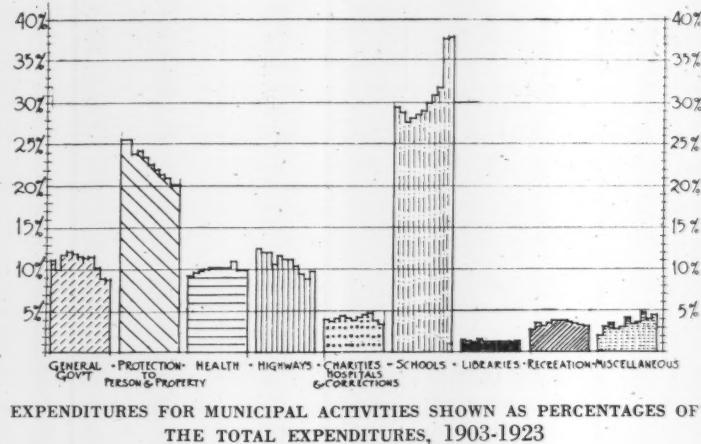
These two graphs were, with several other graphs and charts, prepared by Miss Marjorie E. Nind, of the Grand Rapids Public Library, as part of a thesis in her library training class work last year, when all members of the class were assigned the development of the following subject: "Why Should a Community Tax Itself to Support a Public Library?" The two here used were redrawn on a larger scale and have incorporated in them the data contained in the 1923 statistics (from two hundred and forty-eight cities), which were issued in book form only a few weeks ago.

With reference to the chart showing the per capita expenditures of libraries in cities of thirty thousand population or over from 1903 to 1923 it should be stated that until 1911 the per capita expenditures of museums and art galleries were included in these statistics. This, therefore, makes the expenditures a little higher at the beginning of the graph than they would be otherwise. When we take into consideration, however, the difference in the purchasing power of money as shown by the index numbers of the Bureau of statistics of labor, the showing made by libraries is even more striking than the graphs indicate. Disregarding the art galleries and museums element and figuring the nineteen cents and forty-three cents, the extremes of the expenditure per capita of libraries for the period 1903-1923, in terms of the purchasing power of money in 1913 (that year being counted as 100 or the measuring stick), the per capita expenditures of libraries on the 1903 basis will be 22.1 cents as compared with 27.22 cents in 1923, or an increase in twenty years of only twenty-five per cent in terms of the purchasing power of money. The increase in the per capita expenditures of schools, from 1903 to 1923 by applying this index number is 85 per cent, or nearly three and one-half times as great as that for libraries.



PER CAPITA EXPENDITURES OF TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHT AMERICAN CITIES DURING TWENTY YEARS FOR MUNICIPAL ACTIVITIES EXCLUSIVE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES. BY MARJORIE E. NIND OF THE GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

The showing made by libraries in terms of the percentage of municipal expenditures for the various department of municipal activities is much worse than on a per capita basis. The actual percentage of expenditures for library purposes in the twenty years, 1903-1923, begins with 1.5 per cent and goes down to 1.3 per cent. The expenditures for museums and art galleries were counted in the library expenditures up to 1911, as explained above. These figures and graphs demonstrate the fact that the public libraries for the country as a whole must carry on a vigorous campaign of education in



order that they may hold their own in financial support based on the purchasing power of money.

The Winnetka Book List

REVIEWED BY HARRIET A. WOOD

THE Winnetka Graded Book List is a scientific study of seven hundred children's books prepared in the Research Office of the Winnetka, Ill., public schools by Superintendent Washburne and his staff, and financed by the Carnegie Corporation thru the A.L.A.

Two things were attempted in this study: First, to find out what books are being read and enjoyed by children. Second, to find the age and degree of reading ability necessary for the enjoyment of these books. The emphasis was upon the child's interest and reading ability, but it was also considered important that the book should be "reasonably worth while."

The comments of 36,750 children upon ninety-two hundred titles were collected by eight hundred teachers in the public and private schools of thirty-five cities widely scattered. One public library conducted the experiment.

The introduction to the study gives full details of the method used in gathering data. This study dealing as it does in a scientific manner with the subject matter of our own field, gives librarians a most valuable opportunity to become familiar with the technique of pedagogical research. The findings are both a confirmation of our experience and a challenge to clearer expression of our aims.

As a preliminary step all of the children engaged in the experiment took the Stanford silent reading test to determine their reading grades which were in some cases higher and in others lower than their actual school grades. The list is arranged by these reading grades.

The arrangement under each grade is by index number obtained by multiplying the number of children who liked the book by the number of cities in which it was read and dividing by ten to reduce the size of the index number.

The children reported upon any book they chose, but in order to be sure of securing comments on children's classics and standards, a list recommended by librarians was sent to the co-operating schools with the request that children be asked to read them.

When all of the returns were in, books upon which twenty-five or more children passed judgment were listed and submitted to thirteen children's librarians who ranked them as:

(1) Of unquestionable literary merit; (2) valuable for the list altho not of high literary merit; (3) not recommended—because of low literary value; (4) not recommended—because of subject matter.

The books that three-fourths of the librarians did not approve, altho popular with the children, were eliminated. Those which three-fourths of the librarians marked 1 (i.e., of high literary value) were starred. There are one hundred and nineteen starred books on the list altho there were only thirty-five upon which all agreed. The compilers state that "There apparently is no single standard of literary value" and "that there are books which librarians felt strongly every child should read and yet on which few children reported." . . . In some cases, of course, the children liked the books very well, but in a number of cases the books

which our experts on children's literature felt were most suitable for children turned out not to be liked at all. . . . The schools apparently were not able to get the children to read "The Wind in the Willows," the "Iliad for Boys and Girls," "Roosevelt's Letters to His Children," and a number of other highly recommended books; altho in a very few cases where those were read there were always some children who liked them. A footnote states, "Sometimes this omission may be due to the book being little known or not available in the co-operating school and libraries."

The annotations by the children are frank and often amusing. One boy says, "I like this book because it suits my taste. I have a wild taste." "Helen's Babies," we are told, is about a man who came to keep his sister's children. "The children were very restless." The boy's fondness for animal, Indian, history and adventure tales, the girl's love of fairy tales and girl stories, the interest in books that make more demands upon the mind and those that appeal to the awakened spirit are all familiar to the children's librarian. The mediocre book and the supplementary reader are represented. We come upon surprises in grading such as "Little Black Sambo" and "Peter Rabbit" in the fourth grade.

The preface in a final paragraph summarizes the results of the study:

"How well children might like books which they are not reading, we do not know. But here at least is a list of books which children read widely, arranged according to the degree of reading ability possessed by the children who like them. It makes no claim to being a completely rounded out buying list. But it should help children to find books for themselves in the library and more particularly it should help parents, librarians and teachers in recommending books which are reasonably sure to be interesting and suitable for children of various ages and degrees of reading ability."

Carnegie Corporation Donations to Libraries

DONATIONS for public library buildings made by the Carnegie Corporation of New York in the year ended Sept. 30, 1925, comprise \$80,000 given to Washington, D.C.; \$1,068 to Elmira, N.Y., and \$254 to Marlette Township, Mich. The largest balance donations remaining on Oct. 1, 1924, are \$110,000 for Philadelphia and \$42,356 for St. Louis.

Among institutional libraries the new library building of the New York Academy of Medicine leads with \$211,992 paid of the expenditure of \$550,000 authorized during the year (balance

donation on Oct. 1, 1924, \$989,968). The Johannes Gennadius Library of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens (illustrated on the front cover of our January first issue) received \$50,000. Millsaps College was granted \$50,000 for replacement of its library building destroyed by fire.

Motion Pictures Based on Literature

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BRIGHT LIGHTS. Metro-Goldwyn. 7 reels. Stars: Charles Ray, Pauline Starke. Romance of a Broadway dancer and country boy; from Richard Connell's serial, "A Little Bit of Broadway" in *Liberty*.

CLOTHES MAKE THE PIRATE. First National. 9 reels. Stars: Leon Errol, Dorothy Gish. Man with shrewish wife turns pirate; from the novel by Holman Day (Harper).

COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENSE. Associated Exhibitors. 7 reels. Stars: Betty Compson, House Peters. Tale of politics and the newspaper world; from the novel by Leroy Scott (Doubleday).

DESERT'S PRICE, THE. Fox. 6 reels. Star: Buck Jones. Cattlemen and sheepherders; from the novel by William MacLeod Raine (Doubleday).

EAGLE, THE. United Artists. 7 reels. Stars: Rudolph Valentino, Vilma Banky. A bandit and Catherine the Great; from Alexander Pushkin's story, "Dubrovsky."

IRISH LUCK. Famous Players-Lasky. 7 reels. Stars: Thomas Meighan, Lois Wilson. Adventures of a New York Irish cop in Ireland; from Norman Venner's novel, "The Imperfect Impostor" (Stokes).

MANNEQUIN. Famous Players-Lasky. 7 reels. Stars: Alice Joyce, Esther Ralston. Struggles of a kidnapped child; from Fannie Hurst's prize story in *Liberty*.

STELLA DALLAS. United Artists. 10 reels. Stars: Belle Bennett, Lois Moran. Tragedy of vulgar but good-hearted mother; from the novel by Olive Higgins Prouty (Houghton).

STELLA MARIS. Universal. 7 reels. Star: Mary Philbin. Former cripple faces unfriendly world; from the novel by W. J. Locke (Dodd).

Calendar

Jan. 17. Benjamin Franklin's birthday opens Thrift Week which libraries in co-operation with the National Council or the Y. M. C. A., 347 Madison Avenue, New York, have been observing in increasing numbers since its inception a few years ago.

Jan. 23, 24, 25. Observation of the Twentieth Annual Child Labor Day in synagogues, churches and schools, respectively. Information of help in forwarding the campaign for better child labor legislation is obtainable from the National Child Labor Committee, 215 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Feb. 14-20. National Drama Week. The American Library Association is one of the organizations co-operating with the Drama League of America.

March 5-6. At the Hotel Chelsea, Atlantic City. Joint spring meeting of the New Jersey Library Association and the Pennsylvania Library Club.

June 21-26. At the Lake Placid Club, New York Library Association.

A meeting of the A.L.A. Council will be held some time before the semi-centenary meeting. The March Atlantic City meeting has been mentioned as a possibility.

Oct. 4-9. At Atlantic City. Forty-eighth annual conference of the American Library Association and affiliated and other associations.

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THE arrangements for the semi-centenary year which has now opened, progress apace, and there is good reason to hope that the financing scheme of obtaining library and individual subscriptions to the extent of thirty thousand dollars or more may work out successfully. This sum is especially necessary for two purposes, to provide for an adequate library exhibit at the Conference which may thereafter have permanent use as material for exhibits in different parts of the country, and for hospitality to foreign representatives who come to us from governments or professional associations abroad. It is hoped to make this fund sufficiently large to enable the A.L.A. to treat such foreign representatives as its guests from the day of arrival on our shores to the time of departure, and American generosity and appreciation of libraries cannot be better shown than in this wise. Representation from some European countries and from China is practically assured, in some cases by official support, but it is especially desirable to secure attendance from our neighbors of South America, where the need of progress in the library field is recognized, and this would be stimulated by the enthusiasm and inspiration which delegates from the Latin republics would receive from the conference. The American library idea has spread pretty well around the world in the northern hemisphere and it is beginning to make its mark in the American hemisphere from Mexico southward, and an especial welcome will be ready for any who come to us from the "other Americas." Let us help to make this possible by opening our purse-strings in hospitality.

AN important feature of the mid-winter meetings at Chicago, satisfactory in arrangement and results, was the action of the Council in emphasizing the importance of private as well as public support of public libraries thru endowment funds. The Library of Congress has made a good start toward its privately-contributed Endowment Fund, by addition to the initial contribution from James B. Wilbur, and a very useful application of such a fund will be in enabling a government library to pay salaries for expert service in departments, such as that of music, in which government salaries for important positions are inadequate to get the best men. This method of accepting gifts

which are practically advance bequests, in that the income is in great part reserved for the donor during life, may be applicable also in the case of other libraries whose standing or public support suffices to give moral guarantees that the investment is safe. In some instances, where a privately endowed library has become, or been merged in, a public library, as in Brooklyn, the income from endowments has been of the greatest help, especially in strengthening reference or specialized collections as distinguished from circulation or general purchases. The appeal from the A.L.A., pointing out the importance of libraries as subjects for private munificence, should have its effect and stimulate personal gifts which in the aggregate may rival even the colossal gifts of Carnegie, whose name has become an adjective in the library field. Many personal gifts have been, like Mr. Carnegie's, in connection with library buildings, in the nature of personal memorials, but a method even more generous is an endowment which puts at the disposal of library trustees funds which are not limited in use by the predilections of the giver, but are left to the discretion of those responsible for their best use.

MUCH attention was also paid at Chicago to the work of education for librarianship, which has become one of the foremost fields of library development at this stage of library progress. A tentative schedule of minimum requirements for library summer schools was adopted which will provide a useful basic standard from which progress upward in this work may be developed. The curriculum study being made under the direction of Dr. Charters, of the University of Chicago, should be especially useful in library education, and it is quite certain that courses in advanced library work, in such specialized fields as bibliography, will soon be made effective, probably in relation with one or more universities. The report on library personnel in connection with the Survey and the wider work of the Survey in general, will also gear in with the general scheme of present development by furnishing the data as to library opportunities and library needs. This should lead to recruiting for library posts in which there will be double reward of adequate financial remuneration and large and varied public service.

Library Book Outlook

FICTION

THE long-awaited new Theodore Dreiser novel, *An American Tragedy* (Boni and Liveright, 2 v., \$5), is out. There is bound to be considerable demand for it; but not all library authorities will agree as to its suitability for acquisition.

The only other new fiction offerings consist of three mystery-detective stories, a new Westerner, and two fiction anthologies.

The mystery-stories are J. S. Fletcher's *The Amaranth Club* (Knopf, \$2), playing about a London gambling-club which several persons enter, never to appear again; H. C. Bailey's *Mr. Fortune's Trials* (Doran, \$2), recounting more adventures of the well-known Scotland Yard medico-detective; and Alice MacGowan and Perry Newberry's *The Seventh Passenger* (Stokes, \$2), a new Jerry Boyne story, the scene of which is San Francisco's political world.

B. M. Bower's *Black Thunder* (Little-Brown, \$2) is a characteristic Bower Westerner of early life in Nevada.

The two fiction anthologies are *Great Short Stories of the World*, compiled by Barrett H. Clark (McBride, \$5), and *Tales of Terror*, compiled by Joseph L. French (Small-Maynard, \$2.50).

BIOGRAPHY

New biographical works include *The Life and Letters of John Burroughs*, by Clara Barrus (Houghton-Mifflin, 2 v., \$12.50), a splendid, realistic portrait of the great naturalist and philosopher, prepared by one who was for a number of years Burroughs' physician and confidant; *The Life of W. T. Stead*, by Frederic Whyte (Houghton-Mifflin, 2 v., \$10), a rather diffuse and repetitive biography, which fully satisfies the curiosity aroused by Stead's career and shows how perfectly Stead was the man of his moment; and *Ruysbroeck the Admirable*, by A. Wautier d'Aygalliers (Dutton, \$5), a study of the famous fourteenth-century Flemish mystic, which, in the original, was crowned by the French Academy, in 1925.

TRAVEL

The new travel-books are likewise few, but distinctive. Two *Vagabonds in a French Village*, by Jan and Cora Gordon (914.4, McBride, \$5), is a characteristic production of these expert and unique artist-vagabonds. A *Chinese Mirror*, by Florence Ayscough (915.1, Houghton-Mifflin, \$5), is a book of essays on Chinese life, by one who can speak with authority, and is illustrated with some seventy drawings by Lucille Douglass. *The Truth About Florida*,

by Charles Donald Fox (917.59, Simon and Schuster, \$2), is a timely, authoritative guide. *Around the World at Eighty*, by Flavia A. Camp Canfield (910, Tuttle Co., Rutland, Vt., \$2.50), consists of letters written during a recent world-cruise, by the mother of Dorothy Canfield Fisher, the novelist.

SOCIOLOGY

In the field of sociology we have *The New Negro, an Interpretation*, edited by Alain Locke (326, A. and C. Boni, \$5), which contains contributions by various American Negroes, aiming to register the transformation of their inner and outer life; and *The City*, by Robert Ezra Park (390, University of Chicago Press, \$2), a collection of papers on modern urban social life.

POETRY

Thomas Hardy's *Human Shows, Far Phantasies, Songs, and Trifles* (821, Macmillan, \$2.25) is a new volume of verse, containing some pieces of earlier years, but most of it new. John V. A. Weaver's *More In American* (811, Knopf, \$1.50) supplements that author's first book of poems, "In American." Another poetry-book offering is the new *Anthology of Magazine Verse for 1925*, compiled by William Stanley Braithwaite (811.08, Brimmer, \$3), which includes, as usual, the year-book of American poetry.

DRAMA

Plays of the Moscow Art Theatre Musical Studio (792, Brentano's, \$3) consists of translations of five plays, together with an introduction by Oliver M. Sayler.

By Airplane Towards the North Pole, by Walter Mittelholzer (629.1, Houghton-Mifflin, \$4), is an illustrated account of an expedition accessory to Amundsen's recent flight.

In Charles Clayton Morrison's The American Pulpit (252, Macmillan, \$2.50) are twenty-five sermons chosen by vote of nearly twenty-five thousand Protestant ministers.

Additional titles worth considering for the replacement of worn-out or antiquated books on the same subjects, or for augmenting existing collections, are: *Israel*, by Ludwig Lewisohn (296, Boni and Liveright, \$3), a study of the position of the Jew in world-affairs and in social life; *The Jewish Anthology*, by Edmond Fleg (296, Harcourt-Brace, \$3.50), a summary of the varied experiences of the Jewish people; *The Le Gallienne Book of American Verse*, by Richard Le Gallienne (811.08, Boni and Liveright, \$3), a companion volume to the *Le Gallienne Anthology of English Verse*; *An Introduction to Spanish Literature*, by George T.

Northup (860, University of Chicago Press, \$3); *Writing the One-Act Play*, by Harold N. Hillebrand (808, Knopf, \$2.50); *The Science of Play-Writing*, by Moses L. Malevinsky (792, Brentano's, \$5); *The Writing of Fiction*, by Edith Wharton (808, Scribner, \$2); *Training for Authorship*, by Grenville Kleiser (029, Funk and Wagnalls, \$6); *Plain and Ornamental Lettering*, by Edwin G. Fooks (745, Pitman, \$1); *Commercial Art and Cartooning*, by Eric C.

Matthews (740, Ogilvie Pub Co., \$1.25); *Art in Everyday Life*, by Harriet Goldstein (645, Macmillan, \$3.50); *Historic Costume*, by Katherine M. Lester (391, Manual Arts Press, \$2.50); *The Touchstone of Architecture*, by Sir Reginald Blomfield (720, Oxford Univ. Pr., \$3); and *Musical Instruments*, by Edgar S. Kelley (787, Ditson, \$1.50).

LOUIS N. FEIPEL.

Brooklyn Public Library.

Among Librarians

Edward E. Eggers, who in 1904 became head of the first American Carnegie Library at Allegheny, was last month made librarian of the Northside Branch of the Pittsburgh (Pa.) Public Library. Mr. Eggers has been for many years corresponding secretary of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania.

Lucy T. Fuller, 1916 Pittsburgh, organizer and librarian since 1921 of the Harris County Library at Houston, Texas, and previously for five years at the New York Public Library, has been appointed librarian of the Tyrrell Public Library at Beaumont, Texas, another organization task which involves the remodeling of a disused church for library purposes.

Galen W. Hill, 1910 New York State, who with the exception of a short time spent as librarian at Camp Upton in 1917 has been for fifteen years librarian of the Millicent Library at Fairhaven, Mass., becomes librarian of the Quincy (Mass.) Public Library in February, succeeding Truman R. Temple whose appointment to the Reading (Pa.) Public Library we have already announced.

Margaret Drake McGuffey, 1895 New York State, has returned to library work and is now in charge of the service for the Blind of the Library of Congress, as well as being director of Braille for the American Red Cross.

Katharine Maynard, 1915 New York Public Library, who contributed "The Conference Information Booth" to our last number, has been appointed Vail librarian at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, succeeding Ruth McG. Lane who returns to the Lake Placid Club. Mrs. Lane described the work of the Vail Library in the JOURNAL for March 1, 1924.

Paul M. Paine, librarian of the Syracuse (N. Y.) Public Library, and author of the two well-known book maps "The Map of Good Stories" and "The Map of Adventures for Boys and Girls," is at work on a third, which is to be "The Map of America's Making." Of the Map of Adventures, published by the R. R. Bowker Co. only last November, 2,500 copies have already been sold.

Mary E. Robbins, formerly of the Simmons and Carnegie (Pittsburgh) library schools, has gone to Riverside as instructor in the Riverside Library Service School.

Elizabeth C. Ronan, chief of the art and reference department of the Flint (Mich.) Public Library has been appointed librarian of the Dorset Memorial Library at Monroe, Mich.

Margaret Van Zandt, for twenty-five years on the Columbia University Library Staff, died on January 6 in her 83rd year. Joining the staff in 1884, she took part in Mr. Dewey's reorganization and remained during Mr. Baker's and Dr. Canfield's administration, retiring in 1909 on a pension from the Carnegie Foundation, for the Advancement of Teaching. In the succeeding years she kept her interest in the Library where she will be missed by many friends.

William Richard Watson who has been since 1913 director of the library extension division of the New York State Educational Department died last week unexpectedly while convalescing from a minor operation. Minnesota gave him his birth (1867) and early education (Carleton College, class of 1890), and from the New York State Library School he went to Pittsburgh in 1895 where he married Miss Bessie Barnes whose tragic death thru an automobile accident occurred in 1922. After nine or ten years as assistant to Edwin H. Anderson, then director of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, he became assistant to James L. Gillis, California state librarian, after which he spent five years as librarian of the San Francisco Public Library before taking up work at Albany.

Whos Who at A. L. A. Headquarters

Secretary, Carl H. Milam; *Assistant Secretary, Secretary of the Board of Education for Librarianship*, and *Director of the Paris Library School*, Sarah C. N. Bogle.

Accounting. R. E. Dooley in charge.

Adult Education. Luther L. Dickerson, executive assistant of the Commission on the Library and Adult Education; Amy Winslow and Helen Burling, assistants.

A.L.A. Catalog, 1926. Isabelle M. Cooper, editor; Ruth Montgomery and Jean M. Sexton, assistants.

Board of Education for Librarianship. Sarah C. N. Bogle, secretary; Harriet E. Howe, executive assistant; Alice L. Jewett, Hazel B. Timmerman and Alice L. Le Fevre, assistants.

A.L.A. Booklist. Zaidee B. Vosper, associate editor; Jessie Gay Van Cleve, specialist in children's books; Mrs. Marion Neville Baum and Isabel Bowen, assistants.

Curriculum Study. (At the University of Chicago—under the direction of W. W. Charters), Harold F. Brigham and Anita M. Hostetter, assistants.

Fiftieth Anniversary. Mabel C. True, executive assistant.

Library Extension. Julia Wright Merrill, executive assistant, Committee on Library Extension.

Membership and Conference. Eva M. Ford, assistant to the secretary; Gwendolyn Brigham White, secretary to Mr. Milam.

Office Librarian. Harriet R. Ewald.

Paris Library School (in Paris). Mary P. Parsons, resident director; Margaret Mann, chief instructor.

Publication—Editorial. Emily Van Dorn Miller, general editor.

Publications—Sales and Subscriptions. Everett O. Fontaine, assistant to the Secretary.

Publicity and Advertising. Helen Seymour, in charge; Lillian Bechtold Gries, assistant.

Survey (in St. Louis). C. Seymour Thompson, director; Flora Brown, assistant director; Blanche Robertson, Esther M. Fredrickson, and Margaret L. Pilcher, assistants.

In addition to these there are secretaries, stenographers, bookkeepers and other assistants. There are also other instructors and lecturers in the Paris Library School.

Our Contributors

Isadora Gilbert Mudge, who passes in brief review, "Some Reference Books of 1925," is the compiler of the A.L.A. "Guide to Reference Books" and (with Minnie E. Sears) the scarcely less well known Thackeray and George Eliot dictionaries. She has been since 1911 Columbia University's reference librarian, is a lecturer on reference work at the Library School of the New York Public Library, and a gardening enthusiast, and much enjoys camping and canoeing.

Samuel Haverstick Ranck, to whom as chairman of the A.L.A. Committee on Library Reviews we are indebted for two items in this number, the address on library endowment and

the presentation of Miss Nind's figures on municipal appropriations, is perhaps less inadequately presented in Who's Who in America than many librarians, especially if one reads carefully his association and club memberships. The index to the LIBRARY JOURNAL does not credit him with more than a small percentage of his contributions thereto, for his reminders of useful recent bibliographies and other serviceable things in print are innumerable.

Harriet Ann Wood, who reviews the Winnetka list, devoted her first library years to cataloging, becoming finally chief cataloger at the Iowa State University Library. Some years thereafter she spent as librarian of the Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Public Library and since 1910 she has worked ably in the school library field, first as school librarian of the Portland, Oregon, library system, and recently as supervisor of school libraries for the Minnesota State Department of Education. She has been for several years chairman of the now much sub-committed A. L. A. Committee on Education, and in this connection has made a fine contribution to the school library development now in progress which is a story in itself.

Charles B. Shaw has been associated, by accident or design, in some minds with another B. Shaw from, however, he differs in many respects. For he allowed himself an A.B. and an A.M. at Clark University, taught English at the University of Maine and of Goucher College, and then went to library school, becoming thereafter librarian of the North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro. Nor do these differences exhaust the list, for he does not like telling about himself or speaking in public, and his contributions to literature and the cause of education are to be found mainly in *Public Libraries*, *Scribner's*, and the *South Atlantic Quarterly*. Cold, and subscription book agents embarrass him. On the other hand, he enjoys bridge and gardening and etchings, his pipe, the familiar essay, and library work, in connection with which one knows him as ex-president of the North Carolina Library Association and compiler of the widely-traveled "Arm Chair Travels" published last year as an Extension bulletin of the college.

Ethel L. Fair, who writes on the library scoring schedule in the Wisconsin Better Cities Contest, got her start in life in Pennsylvania. Vassar College stimulated the growth. At the New York Public Library she watched the world go by. She met the Middle West in Indiana and followed it to Wisconsin, where she sees life and library problems and progress to some extent thru the eyes of seventy-five librarians whose day's work she follows.

Library Organizations

The Midwinter Meetings

OPEN meetings of the A. L. A. Council and Board of Education for Librarianship, the League of Library Commissions, university, college, normal school and reference librarians, catalogers, the Bibliographical Society of America and librarians of large libraries made a busy four days' program for the Chicago midwinter gathering, held comfortably this year at the spacious Drake Hotel, December 30-January 2.

An effort is being made by the various secretaries, publicity folk, and editors concerned to secure publication for the significant papers offered, and in our next number we hope to report on the placing of several of these. The proceedings of the Bibliographical Society will be printed in due time as will also the deliberations of the librarians of large city libraries on book thefts and mutilation, job analysis and the circulation department, and control of school libraries. The latter may be secured from Ethel F. McCollough of the Evansville (Ind.) Public Library.

A few topics of outstanding interest discussed by different groups with the help of various experts occupied much of the time, among these the report on the classification of library personnel (with Mr. Telford at hand to answer questions); the Board of Education's recommendations on minimum standards for summer courses and for training classes; the curriculum study on cataloging and on circulation work explained by Dr. Charters, Mr. Brigham and Miss Hostetter; reports of progress on various bibliographical undertakings, and plans for publicity and for securing the necessary funds for the A. L. A.'s fiftieth anniversary observance.

A. L. A. COUNCIL

Mr. Ranck presented to the Council on behalf of the Committee on Library Revenues figures and tables representing municipal expenditures for libraries over a period of twenty years as compared with those for other public activities. These and the "Address to the American People" adopted by the Council will be found on pages 81-82 and 75-76, respectively, of this issue.

As a certain amount of business will probably come up for Council action the President was asked to call a council meeting on some convenient occasion before the October conference.

Mr. Hirshberg for the Board of Education for librarianship presented provisional minimum standards for summer courses in library science offered by schools (1) for credit toward a degree or other library school credential, or (2) for

credit toward a certificate of completion of work equivalent to a one-year curriculum in library science, or, (3) toward academic credit, and (4) courses designed to prepare librarians and assistants for positions in small or medium sized libraries. These standards recommended which will be printed in full in the report of the Board were, with minor changes, adopted by a vote of twenty-five to one.

Mr. Telford in presenting the second draft of the report of the Committee on the Classification of Personnel pointed out changes adopted as the result of the study of the first draft by various groups of workers, and explained that the final report which would be offered in the fall would incorporate still other recommendations. On motion of Dr. Bostwick it was voted: That the report of the Committee on the Classification of Library Personnel endorsing the form and method of the investigation made under its supervision be approved, without endorsement of the details of the report of the Bureau of Public Personnel Administration; and that the Committee be requested to make a more careful discrimination between the qualifications necessary for service in university, college and reference libraries and those required in public libraries, presenting a revised report on these lines to the members of the Council at least two weeks in advance of the next meeting; and that the generous offer of the Bureau of Public personnel Administration to continue its services as technical staff be accepted with thanks. There was also a separate resolution expressing the gratitude of the Council to the Bureau of Public Personnel Administration for work already done.

At the third Council meeting President Belden told informally of the very promising response already made to the Association's initial action toward the observation of its fiftieth anniversary, which will aim at securing better recognition of libraries and finding adequate support for greater achievement. He summarized plans suggested for exhibits in libraries, for publicity stories in magazines and newspapers, for an exhibit of library work at the Sesquicentennial exposition, for a simplified conference devoted largely to broad main interests, and plans for raising the necessary funds for such of these anniversary projects not already financed. Within two weeks of making an appeal some \$5000 had been pledged, several cash contributions made and support of other kinds promised in thirty-five letters received. The January A. L. A. *Bulletin* just published gives much interesting information on these beginnings.

In the Library World

This department for our two January numbers will be devoted mainly to reports of progress in 1925 based principally on reports sent by the various state library commissions. As a rule little information on library legislation is given as this is to be covered in an article to appear later. Reports from the eastern states appeared in our last number.

Ohio

ESTABLISHMENT of eight new libraries brought service to 22,919 people and reduced the number of persons in unserved areas from 1,810,941 to 1,788,022. School district public libraries organized under favorable tax law increased from 81 to 93. Only a small number of libraries are now seriously handicapped financially and but few Carnegie delinquents remain. Total tax receipts increased \$636,989 to \$2,789,963, a per capita average for area served of 70 cents as against 55 cents in 1924. Twenty-three libraries received \$1 or more per capita as against fifteen in 1924. Circulation increased 2,276,236 to 15,961,390, an average of four per capita, a gain of .5.

Personnel showed definite improvement thru appointments of trained librarians in many places. Better incomes brought higher salaries. The summer school at Western Reserve University with which the Ohio State Library co-operated was held for the second time. Interior reorganization, simplification of methods and elimination of useless books revived older libraries. Two weeks' student help in smaller libraries needing reorganization was secured in several places thru the help of the Western Reserve School.

The State Library actively began field work with school libraries in co-operation with the State Department of Education. Considerable reorganization work was done to place school libraries on a service basis. Personnel standards for high school librarians and teacher-librarians to become effective in the fall of 1927 were announced by the Director of Education.

The State Library increased its mail service to individuals and libraries fifty per cent to 24,363 volumes, being twelve times what it was in 1921-22, and its Traveling Library service increased twenty per cent to 60,363 volumes.

The outstanding event of the year was the completion and opening of the new Cleveland Public Library building. Small buildings were completed and opened at Granville, Lithopolis, and Chesterville. Dayton opened its new annex. Amendments to the Library Laws provide for a mandatory levy of four-tenths mills for the Cincinnati Public Library which will bring considerable increase in revenue and improvements in the county and school district public library laws.

Michigan

THE State Library has an appropriation of \$78,000 for each year of the present biennium as contrasted with \$54,720 for the previous biennium. This provides for changes in the staff salary schedule and an increase in the salary of the state librarian from \$2,500 to \$4,000. Books and pamphlets loaned by mail during the year ending last October totalled 46,568, an increase of 12,520 over the same previous period. Of the 520 travelling libraries containing over 22,445 books, shipped during the last fiscal year, 328 collections went to schools, 172 to study clubs and 20 to summer camps.

Benton Harbor is rebuilding its basement and expects to have a fine children's department in operation within a short time. The new half million dollar McGregor Library building in Highland Park, Detroit, is practically completed and will soon be opened for service. The first regional branch building of the Detroit Public Library is nearing completion. Grand Rapids has opened two new high school libraries and expects to have its new West Side Branch Library completed early in the year. A large home, worth about \$10,000, was given the Ladies Library Association for the housing of the Hartford library. The Michigan State Hospital at Kalamazoo recently reopened its library to patients and employees. This library had been housed for many years in the main building but shifts in storage space and supplies provided a larger room in another building, and the library was moved into it. The book collection has been put in shape by the state library organizer, and titles especially adapted to psychopathic patients have been added. A librarian has been installed and the work is being carried on very satisfactorily. The \$295,000 library building of the Western State Normal School was dedicated in the summer. During the last year six school libraries have been organized in Thumb District. At Deckerville and Brown City public libraries have been established and plans for a third are under way at Sandusky. The St. Clair County Library, the first in the state, has a thousand dollar increase from the Board of Supervisors.

Indiana

WHILE many things must wait until the appointment of a director for the Library and Historical Department created by act of the

legislature last summer, the passage of that act is felt by those who know most about conditions in the state to be a great step toward library development. In a later number will appear further particulars of this law in an article on the library legislation of 1925 which William F. Yust, chairman of the A. L. A. Committee on Legislation is preparing for the JOURNAL.

Illinois

THE Chicago tax levy was increased by a law passed by the last General Assembly, from eight-tenths of a mill to one and two-tenths mills. This will raise the total library revenue to \$2,150,000 and provide for the erection of three to five new branches each year for an indefinite period. Extensive remodeling and repairs on the Rockford Public Library have been completed. Peoria is assured under the new leadership of Earl Browning of definite development, so ably begun by the late Edwin Wiley. East St. Louis has recently bought a new building, to take the place of its old quarters in a very undesirable part of the city, and a generous appropriation has been made to adapt it to library purposes. Granite City, a growing industrial town in the southern part of the state, will build a new library this year costing \$141,000. Springfield, altho it has given excellent station service for several years, is just opening its first branch in rented quarters on the north side of town.

Hospital service has had a great impetus during the year. Schools are turning in increasing numbers to the state for direction in organizing their collections. The usual number of small municipalities have signified their desire for public library service by voting necessarily inadequate local taxes for the support of small individual libraries.

Iowa

FOR a number of years Iowa has had five black counties without tax supported libraries. Two counties have been removed from this list during the year by tax levies at Morning Sun in Louisa County and at Northwood in Worth County.

The year has been rich in gifts for library buildings. Mr. George Brown gave \$5000 for the erection of a library in Dumont. Bequests for library buildings, books or support were made by Mrs. Lena French to Peterson and by Mrs. Carrie Nisson to St. Ansgar, the former in the shape of a valuable farm and the latter \$5000 for a building and \$1000 for books. Oxford Junction has just come into possession of a bequest for a library left twenty years ago and now amounting to \$7000. A site for a library building was donated by Mrs. Martha

Gates of Arnolds Park. Mrs. Francena Bailey left a large part of her estate to the Toledo city library. This will probably be used for a building. Coe College Library at Cedar Rapids is to have \$5000 a year for five years, for the development of its library.

Wisconsin

OF prime importance was the completion of the "Better Cities Contest" conducted by the Wisconsin Conference of Social Work, described by Miss Fair elsewhere in this number. Of the fourteen cities completing the scoring schedules, Ladysmith ranked first in library service among four cities under 10,000 population and Kenosha first among larger cities. The Public Library Certification Board has granted 116 certificates during the year: first grade 18, second 21, third 56, fourth 21. Fifty-one of the sixty libraries to which blanks were sent completed and filed the A.L.A. Survey report. Library service in eight towns has been carefully studied by Professor J. H. Kolb, of the University of Wisconsin, and two of his students in agricultural economics, in a survey of "Service Institutions for Town and Country."

Pepin and Wood counties made small appropriations to local public libraries for county service under the contract plan. Seven counties are now giving such county library work and fourteen others still using the old county traveling library law. Hospital library service was inaugurated at Fond de Lac and Eau Claire.

A unique "Book Thrills" contest conducted by the Ashland Daily Press will have a lasting effect on the reading habits of many people in Ashland and elsewhere. Reports on Children's Book Week showed a strong emphasis on quality in children's literature and the development of a real love of reading. A new amendment to the text-book law requires that copies of all encyclopedias and other reference books sold in sets must be filed in the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction before being offered for sale in the state for school use. This should have a most beneficial effect in the consideration of subscription sets.

The fine new building at Fennimore, the gift of Hon. Dwight T. Parker, has been formally accepted by the city under an agreement which provides a half-mill operating fund with a minimum of \$1,200. New libraries were established at Ellsworth, Kiel and Sheboygan Falls. Kenosha opened a new branch, Sheboygan has begun work on one, and Green Bay has plans for one. New or enlarged quarters were provided at Augusta, Burlington, Dodgeville, Mt. Horeb, and Osseo, and the new library buildings or quarters in new community or city buildings were occupied at Argyle, Pardeeville, Park Falls, and Spring Valley.

Minnesota

A LAW providing for certification of school librarians has established a higher standard of service in school libraries and is therefore probably the most important achievement of the year over all the events which have as yet been reported.

Increases in appropriations were received at Buhl (\$2000); St. Cloud (about \$2000); South St. Paul (\$1000); and the county appropriation at Stillwater was increased to \$1000.

Grand Rapids reports an increase of forty-six per cent in its circulation in Itasca County. The city council at LeRoy has accepted a bequest of \$25,000 which was made on condition that the library be open ten hours daily.

The public library building at Minneapolis has been remodeled with a new central stack having a capacity of about 500,000 volumes. The Rochester Public Library has added a new floor of stacks and a new charging desk. Children's rooms have been opened at Brainerd and Fairmont. Luverne has equipped a club room in the basement with the proceeds of a bequest. The Austin library has been redecorated and a museum equipped in the basement. A periodical reading room has been furnished in the community building at Ely. The beautiful Arthur Upson Memorial room in the University library building was dedicated to cultural reading.

A reading list "The Country Bookshelf," compiled by a committee of the Minnesota Library Association and the Agricultural Extension Division of the State University, was published as an aid to county libraries and to promote interest in reading among farmers. A survey of rural school libraries has been completed and has been made the basis of further instruction in book selection and use in the institutes for rural teachers.

Missouri

MISSOURI shows most encouraging indications of renewed interest in establishing libraries. Two new association libraries were formed in 1925, one giving county service. Trenton Public Library was granted an appropriation by the county court for county service and eight more communities are considering county libraries. Two new branch libraries in Kansas City will be opened next September.

St. Louis lent its librarian, Dr. Bostwick, for three months as A.L.A. delegate in China on the invitation of the Chinese Association for the Advancement of Education. He visited ten provinces and inspected libraries and delivered addresses in fourteen principal cities. He took part in the organization of the Library Association of China and was elected an honorary member of its Board of Directors. The Library

began in the fall in connection with its Library School, a special course of instruction in work with children under the superintendence of Alice I. Hazeltine. The Readers Advisory Service has been organized into a department under the direction of Margery Doud.

St. Joseph opened two new branches in rented quarters, both of which are proving very popular. The Wyatt Park branch is in a residential section, and is well patronized by adults as well as by school children. The Frances Street branch is in a down town office building and caters principally to business people and shoppers. Both branches are contributing to a total circulation which promises to exceed that of any previous year. In an effort to bring more people into direct touch with the resources of the Library, the public is being invited to report to the librarian special topics in which they are interested. Inquirers are then informed of a few of the best books in the Library on the subject and their names are kept in a card index so they may be notified as new titles are available. Cards for this purpose suitably printed and directed to the librarian have been distributed to all members of the Chamber of Commerce along with the Chamber of Commerce *Bulletin*, and plans are being formed to reach the federated women's clubs' membership, which totals about fifteen hundred. So far this new service is proving successful.

Arkansas

OUTSTANDING in the library life of the year 1925 was the meeting of the Arkansas Library Association, in November, an important event because of the enthusiastic endorsement of a strong program of library legislation to be proposed to the next legislature. An attempt will be made to secure a good county library law, to establish a state library, which will bring all the book collections in the state capitol under one system of management, and to secure state supervision and aid for high school libraries.

The 1925 General Assembly gave the Free Library Service Bureau its second biennial appropriation, after much discussion, during which librarians and people friendly to the work feared the Bureau would not survive. An attempt was made to secure a book fund for the traveling libraries, and representatives from the rural sections reached by the book collections pleaded with the budget committees for adequate support of this phase of the Bureau's work, but unsuccessfully, so that the work continues on its former appropriation which is far too small for efficient service.

A new public library established at Texarkana, one of the largest cities in the state,

opened its doors in December. This is the city's first real public library, but various kinds of subscription and institutional libraries have existed there for years. Conway has begun its plans for a library and hopes to make it a county library, regardless of the fact that no county library law exists in this state yet. Pine Bluff's public library has served Jefferson County on a contract basis for three years, the first systematic county service in the state.

High school libraries have made tremendous progress during the year. Every high school in the state is striving to make its library meet the requirements of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools or of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and in many communities the school library is the only library. Many rural schools are putting in libraries and scarcely a day passes without a request from teachers in such schools for lists of suitable books to purchase. Both high schools and rural schools use the Bureau's traveling libraries, and many ask for help in classifying and cataloging.

The only libraries attempting museum work are the Helena and Pine Bluff libraries. At Helena plans have been made for a splendid new museum annex to the library, and the accumulation of many new pictures and interesting historical objects to go into the museum. Progressive club women have made it possible for the Helena Library to become a powerful influence in art education, and a beautiful civic center, and this is one of the few Arkansas libraries given a stated portion of the city funds, as allowed by the Arkansas public library law, one-half mill of the five mill city tax.

Every organization and institution in the state conducting package or library extension service has reported an increase in demands for books and reference material. Club women are using libraries more and more, people carrying extension courses from colleges and universities must go to them for their supplementary material, and business men are depending upon them for new ideas. Arkansas hopes thru these demands to see more libraries established during 1926.

Mississippi

THE act of greatest significance to library development in Mississippi in the year just closed was the decision of the State Federation of Women's Clubs to work for a county library in every county. Plans to this end are still to be made public. New public libraries have been opened at McComb and Canton, the library at McComb was moved from quarters above a store to the City Hall and given municipal aid. Plans have been made by the Business and Pro-

fessional Women's Club of McComb, assisted by the McComb Library Association and the Exchange Club, to build a municipal library. A municipal library building was completed in Biloxi on a site donated by the King's Daughters Circle of that city and Mr. Harry Howard of New Orleans. This two-story building, with modern conveniences, including an auditorium, takes the place of the small library, the first free public library in Mississippi, opened in 1898, with one hundred volumes, by the King's Daughters and kept open by this organization to the present time. A Carnegie library building valued at \$50,000 has been constructed at Millsaps College, Jackson. The Greenville Public Library has moved from cramped quarters in a wooden building to the entire ground floor of the Elysian Club, purchased by the city and remodeled to suit its new purpose. The Eastman Memorial Foundation Library in Laurel has completed its \$100,000 addition, the upper floor of which will be used for the exhibition of statuary, pictures, and antiques. The Meridian Public Library for a week in October held an art exhibit sponsored by that city's Business and Professional Women's Club. Tupelo has started a movement for a public library. The Clarksdale Public Library with its book wagon continues to be the conspicuous, successful agent of county library extension in Mississippi. A gift of \$10,000 was made by Mr. J. H. Green for the establishment of a library at the Central High School, Jackson. Two hundred and fifty valuable law books were presented the University of Mississippi Law Library by Percy & Percy, prominent lawyers of Greenville.

Louisiana

WITHIN six months of the creation of the Louisiana Library Commission an attack has been made on all phases of the work projected as a result of the preliminary survey: The encouragement of the organization of parish libraries (corresponding to county libraries in other states), thru help in organization and thru book loans to libraries having a custodian; the supplying of books to individuals, to clubs, and to extension classes, and to those desiring them, reading lists, etc., in furtherance of an adult education program. The Commission has pledged all possible help and encouragement in establishing a training course within the state for librarians.

In an address to the League of Library Commissions at Chicago at the beginning of the month, Essae M. Culver, of Baton Rouge, who is secretary of the Commission, pointed out that "One of the great obstacles to the organization and maintenance of libraries is the attitude—not peculiar to Louisiana—that the library is a

charitable institution. Even the school law provides that the community must first raise money for the school library before any funds are appropriated by the parish or city boards of education and, with the exception of five, all the public libraries are supported by money-raising entertainments or private subscription. One of the largest libraries in the state has this year been included in the Community Chest along with the Indigent Old People, Charity Ward Association, Salvation Army and others.

A campaign of education only will establish the library as a tax-supported educational institution, along with the University and the school." In the fact that the State Library Commission, appointed by the Governor, is composed of far seeing, broad visioned, non-political people who are co-operating in every way possible to make the resources of the Commission available to all the people lies great hope for the library future of Louisiana.

Texas

PERHAPS the most far reaching of the events in the library year is the recommendation of the State Committee in Classification and Application that Texas high school libraries adopt the Certain standards for library organization and equipment, Texas being the first southern state to make this recommendation. *News Notes*, the quarterly bulletin of the Texas Library Association inaugurated by Mrs. Maud D. Sullivan of El Paso, serves to keep librarians in touch with one another between infrequent opportunities for meeting. A condition of Beaumont's receiving from the estate of the late Captain Tyrrell a library building is that the city levy a tax equivalent to the dollar per capita recommended by the A. L. A. Among other new buildings are the Houston main library completed at a cost of half a million dollars; two beautiful branch library buildings in Houston; the Goose Creek branch library of Harris County Library, at a cost estimated between \$6000 and \$10,000; a \$140,000 building for the College of Industrial Arts, Denton, for which plans have been accepted; contract let for a library building at Marshall; a floor of the new State Teachers College at Nacogdoches planned and equipped for the library; quarters especially planned and equipped for a library in the main building of the Technological College at Lubbock, which opened in the fall. Lubbock County has voted a county library to open early in 1926. Mrs. Miriam Luther Stark's gift to the University of Texas consists of \$150,000 in cash and a provision that from time to time she will turn over some of her rare books and manuscripts and other art treasures estimated as between one-half million and one million dollars in value.

North Dakota

THE Library Commission more than doubled its reference work for the 1924-25 period, and attempted to make up for its lack of a bulletin by issuing five issues of a *News Sheet* of from two to five pages.

The Lisbon library board has purchased a site and is working for a building. A bequest of the income from a quarter section of land for books is available. The St. Thomas library had to move for the third time in two years, so the club women who sponsor it borrowed money and bought a buildings. At an auction sale were sold donated articles: Furniture, food, fancy work, bath-tub, folding-bed, baby cab, seed grain, poultry, two kerosene stoves, one hive of bees, jug of honey, and live pig. The Mayville State Teachers College library suffered in a fire which partially destroyed the main building. The Carrington public library had its appropriation raised from \$900 to \$1,500, in addition to which the city furnishes room, heat, light, and janitor service. In checking the libraries supported by municipal tax it is interesting to note that twenty-two per cent have a one dollar per capita tax, and sixty-five per cent have a circulation of five books per capita. A small loss in circulation for 1924-25 was shown by fifty-five per cent, but this was practically off-set by the gains made by Fargo and Minot, each over 10,000.

Idaho

IDAHO has sixty libraries and almost all of them struggling with the one problem—how to meet the demands of the book-needy citizen on the small amount appropriated. Idaho, like other states, no doubt, has found that books are no longer a luxury but a necessity and that the citizens must have books, also that without libraries, hundreds of people would be without the information necessary to make them useful citizens.

The Traveling Library has in its single loan department alone, almost three thousand borrowers, five hundred and nineteen of whom are new borrowers. The demand for the traveling library cases is enormous, especially the juvenile cases. Idaho is a state of magnificent distances but the Library Commission meets the demands of its citizens in every part of the state.

Utah

INTEREST in library work has been maintained in spite of the financial depression in rural communities due to the desperate condition of agriculture. With the return of good crops and better prices increased interest and better support will be afforded.

There are now in Utah 11 county libraries and 47 public, city and town libraries. All of

these are tax-supported, twenty housed in Carnegie buildings, three or four voluntary libraries are also in process of development and there are about fifty high school libraries.

Mr. Mosiah Hall, supervisor of civilian rehabilitation, was appointed by the State Board of Education to act as secretary of the Division of Library Service, about one-third of his time to be devoted to this work. He has been working for better co-operation between the libraries and the public schools and has pointed out the advisability of establishing children's departments. Lists of juvenile books have been prepared and sent out to all the libraries.

Oregon

NO outstanding events to chronicle except that the larger libraries have, in keeping with the trend of the times, been making a greater effort to guide reading and study and to make the libraries useful to students.

Washington

NO year since 1914, when nine Carnegie library buildings were dedicated in the state, has been so filled with events of importance to the library world in Washington as 1925. Of prime importance is the splendid new library building being erected on the University of Washington campus at Seattle, which it is hoped may be ready for use in the fall of 1926.

Next in importance is the gift of R. A. Long of a community building and library, costing \$120,000, to the new and thriving city of Longview. Three years ago there was no town where now some 6,500 people live. The town has been fostered by the donor of the library, who is president of the Long-Bell Co. The building will soon be opened under the direction of a trained librarian, Helen Johns, formerly in charge of the county library at Bend, Ore.

The new \$90,000 library building on the campus of the Washington State Normal school at Ellensburg, also nearing completion, is a two-story brick and concrete building with colonial exterior, which is being built under the direction of John Richards, librarian.

In connection with its million and a half dollar endowment fund announcement has been made by President Penrose, of Whitman College, that it is to receive \$50,000 for its library from the Carnegie Corporation.

The Woman's club at Kirkland completed its building this year, part of which is to be used for the village library. Sumner has purchased a lot for a library. Arlington has moved its library into attractive rooms in the new memorial municipal building. Yakima is remodeling a room in the basement of its public library to provide a small public lecture room. Everett has just secured \$4,000 for building repairs.

Comparison of the leaflet *Washington Libraries* with the report issued by the State Library Committee at this time last year shows an increase of three registered libraries. For the past year the State Library Committee has had a library organizer in the field—the first time in the library history of the state. The list of nearly four score non-registered libraries given on the back of the leaflet is to some extent the result of her visits. Some of the libraries listed were already in existence but had never had any contact with the state library or had ceased to make reports. Some of them were receiving good support from the municipal tax fund. Twelve new libraries have started during the year, three of these receiving support from local taxation.

British Columbia

THREE new public library associations incorporated, a new building for the library of the University of British Columbia finished and occupied, and an increase of about twenty-five per cent in the income of the Public Library Commission are the outstanding items in the year's affairs, which will improve as financial conditions improve.

France

To the Editor of the LIBRARY JOURNAL:

I cannot conclude my work as Director of the American Library in Paris without asking you to tell American Librarians how much the Library here is indebted to the assistants who have, in their devotion to its service, given it the place in European life which it now has. It is obvious that it is American women librarians who have made American libraries what they are, and it is, therefore, not surprising that the Library here should be equally indebted to them. I cannot, however, refrain from expressing my appreciation of the fact, nor can I fail to acknowledge my personal indebtedness to them and to the inspiration of their high idealism and of their enthusiastic co-operation.

My only regret is that it has not been possible to enlist the assistance of more such librarians, and particularly, because of our very limited income, to keep for a longer time those we have been fortunate to secure. They are, of course, needed in the United States, but they are needed here even more, and their service here would mean much, not only to this Library, but also to the libraries in the United States to which they might return.

The American Library in Paris is an integral part of the American Library system, and American librarians must be the first to recognize the fact and take advantage of it.

W. DAWSON JOHNSTON, *Librarian, American Library in Paris.*

Library Work

Here we resume *Library Work*, formerly a regular department of the LIBRARY JOURNAL. It is planned to cumulate this and other reference material in the JOURNAL from time to time as formerly and ultimately to bridge the gap between the present year and the last cumulation.

Releasing Captured Thought

"YOU have the will—we have the way," says the Newark (N. J.) Public Library in a leaflet addressed to Newark firms. The will is to read and to make use of print; the way, to the library, seems to invest more heavily in scientific and technical journals than in books of the same class, which are apt to be out of date by the time they are printed. And so the library has made a list of such journals "with great care, to meet the needs of industrial concerns in a city where the use of scientific and industrial magazines and periodicals should be, not slight, but enormous." Extra copies of the thirty-seven periodicals listed, beginning with the *American Machinist* and ending with the *Textile World*, are loaned to any accredited borrower.

"Company cards" are granted to Newark firms for company use, and are especially designed to provide for use of the library by non-resident members of Newark firms who would not otherwise be eligible to draw books unless they paid the non-resident fee of three dollars. These cards are issued on the written request of a company officer and are kept on file at the library for use by any authorized person within the firm.

Access to print is thus simplified so that Newark may continue "to thrive on industry and industry to thrive on thought." For, argues the leaflet, "ours is the greatest machine on the market. It is the printing press. Whatever your business, trade or industry you could get more out of it if you put more of our product in it. We deal exclusively in print. And it's print that makes your wheels go round. For thought is motive power and print is captured thought."

Cumulated Publicity

"THE Year's Growth and Where it Leads" is the title of the current number of the serial which the renovated Hackley Public Library of Muskegon, Mich., publishes each year in the guise of an annual report. The title last year was "Following Through" and Then What?" In the LIBRARY JOURNAL for July 1923 Harold L. Wheeler, the librarian, described the method by which new ways were exchanged for old, an antiquated building renovated, and emmeshing tangles of red tape cut apart. The result was that in 1924 the number of borrowers had increased two hundred and fifty-four per cent over the number of those registered in 1922 and that the annual circulation of books in 1924

was 280,535, an increase of ninety-eight per cent.

In this year's report, with its now familiar buff cover, several new illustrations, and fresh arrangement of material, Mr. Wheeler records a further increase of seventeen per cent in the circulation of books and the signing of a three-year contract for branch library service on Muskegon Heights before concentrating on his main objective, which is to persuade the Board of Education to make further necessary additions and alterations to the building to provide a suitable reference room separate from the circulating activities of the library. Two plans show the main floor as at present arranged and as it would look with the proposed new reference room added and several departments redistributed. Doubtless Muskegon is quite as eagerly awaiting the title—and the content—of the next installment as we.

Budgeting Library Time

REPLYING to a correspondent in the current number (dated November, 1925) who asks how much of the regular time of a librarian or library staff should be given for attending librarians' conferences, *New York Libraries* says: "It is our opinion that no one who properly appraises the various and important benefits that all library workers, and especially the untrained and inexperienced, derive from such meetings will be disposed to think [the equivalent of two months of a single person's time] any excess of time for this purpose. Except for the unusual character of your staff and the benefits they derive from contact with each other, we would say that you were allowing too little time for attending meetings. Home-keeping youths have ever homely wits, and the same is true of members of all professions.

"Your report shows 43 members on your staff, full time, and seven part time. We may count this as equal to 47 persons on full time. Allowing 48 weeks a year of service for each person gives a total of 2256 weeks of individual paid service, or 12,408 working days. This means that on an average, for every 257 days of work in the library, one day is given for attending library meetings. Counting out holidays and vacations, this is just about the number of working days in a year. So . . . you are giving not more than one day each year on the average to the workers in your library for library meetings. We can not believe this is enough. In

the old days in this State when schools were in just about the same stage of development as libraries are now, it was a law of this State that every public school teacher must give one week each year to teachers meetings . . . [or] one thirty-sixth of all their paid time . . . as compared with 1/257 of the time given to your staff for similar meetings."

Planning for the College and Special Library

"**T**HREE are several treatises in print up-to-date enough to be useful to anyone faced with the problems involved in planning," writes Donald B. Gilchrist of the University of Rochester in a valuable article, "Some Fundamentals in Library Planning" in the current number (v. 15, no. 1, p. 1-8, dated July, 1925) of the Bulletin of the Medical Library Association, "a building for a general library. . . . Unfortunately, no adequate work exists for the college and university or special library. . . . Particularly worth while is Dr. Clement W. Andrews' paper in the *LIBRARY JOURNAL* for May, 1921, on 'The Economics of Library Architecture' . . . the only general presentation of the problems involved which I know. The considerations most pertinently discussed by Dr. Andrews will be avoided as far as possible here. . . .

"Of first importance to the librarian is the question of capacities—how many readers must be provided for, how many staff people and how many books? . . . What shall be the capacity of the stack or shelving? If the growth of the collection is diagrammed over a period, it will probably be found that the increase is not arithmetical, but geometrical. . . . In the University of Rochester library, the total number of volumes has doubled every fifteen years since 1855. The old textbooks said that the average period for doubling was twenty-five years, and that may still hold for public libraries, where the discards are large, but the University of Chicago assumes, in preparing a program for the future development of its libraries, that the present collection will be doubled in twenty years. . . . It should be remembered in this immediate connection that reference libraries and medical libraries do not discard as freely as public libraries. Where the bulk of the collection, as in medical libraries, is made up of back sets of periodicals and the publications of societies and institutions, the most radical destructionist is not likely to make any considerable headway in even decimating a collection. Furthermore, the opening of a new building usually has sufficient publicity value to attract gifts at more than the normal rate. Not infrequently private libraries are unexpect-

edly offered when a safe and adequate place is available for their permanent home. . . . A stack room completely surrounded by reading or other rooms threatens the life of any plan, and a stack which can be expanded in two directions is the safest insurance for the future."

For estimating the reading room space that will be required in the future, no such handy mathematical method is available. . . . "A ratio can be worked out for any institution with a fixed or limited clientèle by observing the maximum number of people in the reading room in any year and dividing by the number of the clientèle. . . . The University of Michigan estimates that it must provide seats in the library for thirty per cent of the student body, the university of Chicago thirty-three and a third per cent. . . . Special libraries may have as accurate an index, but, if they are public in nature, the clientèle must be counted and its growth estimated by some less definite method. . . . Other factors may properly carry weight . . . —the probable appeal of increased facilities for study, a more central location or the consolidation of several collections into one. But even figures derived by such means should be considered as probably small, for good service is the best advertising a library can possibly get and, once a consistent record for satisfactory service is established, one wonders where the readers come from.

"The most common mistake in planning workrooms is in estimating the working space merely as desk space. While too much storage may encourage delay, there must be, in addition to room for sixty-inch desks, space for bookcases, sorting tables, pasting tables, card catalog cabinets, trimming and stapling machines, supply cupboard and typewriter stands. . . . The ideal plan is one in which any or all of these capacities for books, readers or staff can be expanded by inexpensive additions without upsetting the general inter-relation of the departments."

The relative location of the various elements of the library plan should be so arranged that both books and readers "travel the shortest possible distance from the time they arrive on library property until they are brought together. . . . The distance from the cataloguing room to the public catalog and from the delivery desk to the most distant stack shelf are two of the most important lines to be measured and every effort should be made to make these lines as short as possible." There is a tendency now noticeable to discard "the customary arrangement of book shelves around all four walls of a large reading room," on the ground that an equal number of books can be "less expensively

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"Workrooms should receive as much study and attention from the librarian as the reading rooms. Adequate space, the maximum amount of light and ventilation are essential. Workrooms should have the smallest possible number of partitions, not only for light and air, but for easy re-arrangement as the staff increases or the work changes in character. Temporary divisions are readily made by card catalog files, bookcases or screens. . . . Interior decoration is a neglected, if not an unknown, art among librarians. There has come to be a most unfortunate monotonous similarity about libraries—the same golden oak chairs, tables, magazine racks and railings, endlessly repeated. . . . Chalmers Hadley's 'Library buildings' points the way out."

Newspaper Libraries and Indexes

ACCORDING to Florence Woodworth, cited by William Alcott, librarian of the Boston *Globe* in *Special Libraries* (v. 16, p. 402-406, December, 1925), the first newspaper file of biographical clippings, or "morgue," was begun in Chicago in 1869 (A.L.A. Handbook of Library Economy, 1917). Julian S. Mason, managing editor of the New York *Herald-Tribune*, states: "Distinguishing between the library and morgue, our people tell me that the New York *Tribune* library was started between 1846 and 1849, by George Ripley. In 1874 . . . it had grown to about five thousand volumes. The *Tribune*'s biographical morgue was started about 1860. . . . The *Tribune* book index of matter printed in its issues . . . was started in 1875. The start of the *Herald* library is somewhat vague, but in 1870 they had a library index of books which showed a collection of about eight thousand volumes. Our librarian guesses

from this that the *Herald* probably started accumulating an editorial library about 1845. The *Herald* morgue was started about 1862, and its news index in the same year . . . went back over the files to 1831." Charles Stolberg, of the editorial department of the New York *Sun*, says that, in 1860, Robert Bligh "established the (New York) *Herald* index bureau at Mr. (Gordon) Bennett's direction, starting with the first issue in 1825. . . . He indexed the paper up to 1880 . . . was librarian from 1870 to 1874. . . . Mr. Paul Drane, who had charge of the entire *Herald* reference library . . . for a number of years following Mr. Bligh . . . tells me that the *Herald*'s biographical (clipping) collection bore evidence of having been systematically cut from the dailies and filed for reference in envelopes as far back as the seventies. He adds that it had always been quite generally conceded that the *Herald* of Bennett (the elder) had been first in establishing what came in time to be known in the business as a morgue."

D. G. Rogers, librarian of the *Herald-Tribune*, says: "I understand the *Herald* started their book index about 1860, but at the same time had principal articles in volumes back to 1835 indexed. They started their clipping morgue about 1878 or 1880. The *Tribune* started a book index in 1875. Their clippings go back to about the same date." From Jennie Welland, editor of the New York *Times* index: "One who has been with the *Times* since 1872, tells me that Mr. Raymond, who died in 1869, had put some material in our morgue and that the morgue was here when this man came in 1872. This would indicate that it was in existence previous to 1869. The present custodian of the morgue can find no clippings as far back as that. . . . We have a hand-written index to the *Times* as far back as 1851, the year when the *Times* began publication. . . . This same man . . . also tells me that the *Tribune* had a morgue at that time (1872)." In J. P. Young's "Journalism in California," Whitelaw Reid, editor of the *Tribune*, is said to have considered the library of the *San Francisco Chronicle* "the best arranged in the country" and to have regarded that newspaper as "the first to apply the principle of the index card system to a newspaper office." The *Springfield Republican* "did not begin systematically to file clippings until about 1888. The New York *World* department was started in 1889. The *Hartford Courant* . . . started in library in 1903 . . . card indexing and filing of pictures began in about 1903 . . . In the library of the *Boston Herald*, which was established in 1876 and now includes the library of the former *Boston Journal*, are many clippings of the early '60's."

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Frederick Hudson, "author of the first comprehensive history of journalism in the United States, covering the period from 1690 to 1872, . . . makes no mention of a newspaper library or of a morgue or index or catalog. . . . The earliest reference . . . to a newspaper library in the proceedings of the A. L. A. . . . was in 1887. . . . Florence Woodworth, in her bibliography, . . . lists eighteen articles dealing with newspaper clippings, the earliest published in 1901. The only item listed in the Boston Public Library under the heading of newspaper libraries is the book prepared by Gustav V. Linder . . . "Newspaper Library Manual" (1912). Other references: I. D. Marshall, in *Newspaperdom*, March 1, 1892; James G. Hodgson; "The Morgue is a Newspaper's Memory," in the *Fourth Estate*, Sept. 10, 1921; G. J. Hagen, *Newspaper History in the Library*, in *LIBRARY JOURNAL*, April, 1889; Lucy M. Salmon, *The Newspaper and the Historian*; F.

C. Hicks, in the *Educational Review* (1912?); Joseph F. Kwapił, *The Morgue as a Factor in Journalism*, in *LIBRARY JOURNAL*, May 15, 1921; *Editor and Publisher*, July 5, 1924." The Special Libraries Directory lists only thirty-eight newspaper libraries, "with some of the best known. . . . unlisted."

Newspaper librarians did not organize as such until April, 1923, when five of them—two from Boston and one each from New York, Philadelphia and Washington—met in Atlantic City, in response to a call issued by Mr. Kwapił. . . . In 1924, a second conference was held at Saratoga Springs. "The attendance was larger and stretched from Boston to Milwaukee and from Buffalo to Washington. Specimens of office forms were exhibited. Classification schemes were discussed. . . . Since that conference, twenty-one newspaper librarians have joined the Newspaper group [of the Special Libraries Association.]"

The Open Round Table

The Copyright Bill

To the Editor of the LIBRARY JOURNAL:

Present indications are that there will be two copyright bills before the present session of Congress. One has been introduced by Representative Perkins as H.R. 5841. This bill, if unamended, all librarians can heartily approve. It was drawn by Thorvald Solberg, Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress, and admits the two points for which librarians have been contending. It admits us to the Berne convention, it does not deny the right of libraries to import English books from England.

The second bill has not yet been introduced but advance information that it soon will be has reached the A.L.A. Committee on Book-Buying. An early draft of Section 41 is to be found in the *LIBRARY JOURNAL* for January 1, page 22. It is there introduced as a protégé of the Authors' League of America, but the provisions to which librarians object were prepared at the instance of the National Association of Book Publishers. This second bill has not yet been numbered but as soon as introduced, librarians should oppose it. Section 41 denies libraries the right of importing from England until after they have first ascertained from the Register of Copyrights at Washington, whether the American publisher has contracted for the same work in the United States. If the American publisher has contracted for the book, it is illegal for libraries to buy elsewhere.

Librarians object to this provision on three grounds. (1) Red tape, confusion and delay involving a mass of correspondence and prob-

able inextricable confusion. (2) Higher costs. (While the provision states that the American publisher must deliver books at the same price as the English price plus transportation, there exist many ways of evading this provision, as for example, the English publisher fixing one price for England and another for the United States. Also, it seems inexplicable why the American publishers should insist upon this provision if there is to be no profit for them in American sales. The publishers know that if the American price equalled the English price, ninety-nine per cent of American libraries would not take the trouble to order from abroad. Why then insist upon an amendment to a good copyright measure? The publishers can meet English prices and therefore sell to American libraries without the enactment of any legislation. (3) It prevents reference libraries, such as the New York Public Library, from obtaining a true first edition of a famous author, such as, Galsworthy, Shaw, Masefield, etc., if an American publisher contracts for the sale of the same work in the United States and denies, as the proposed bill authorizes him to do, the right of obtaining the British imprint.

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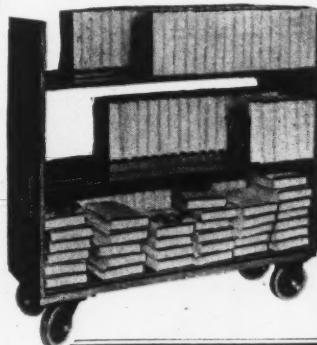
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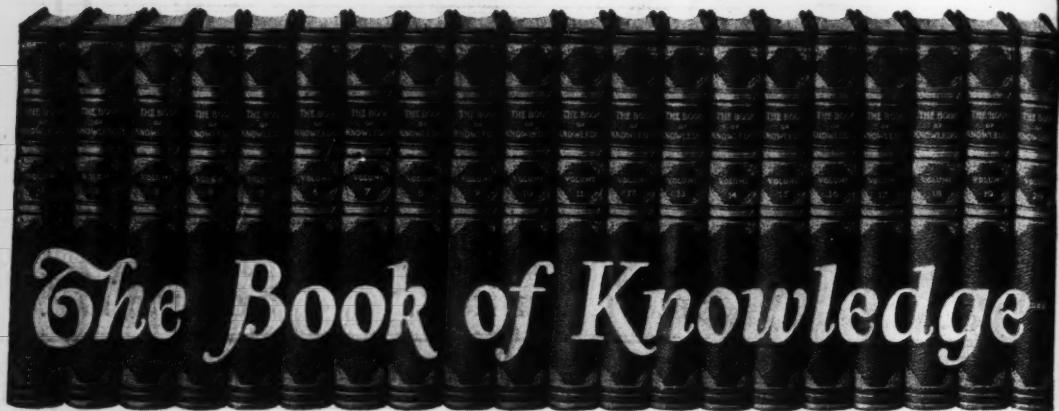
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